

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



PROGRAM of 57th SESSION

April 22-24, 2021

Meeting at the Connect Church
Tupelo, MS

DIGEST OF REPORTS

OFFICIAL MINUTES-2020 Executive Board Special Session

Conducting business of the State Association



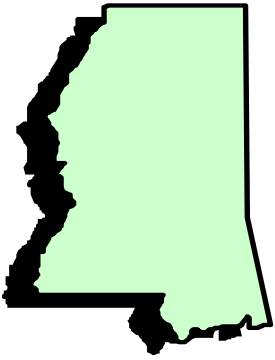
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MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS YOUTH MINISTRIES

PROGRAM— COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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- ♦ SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION





MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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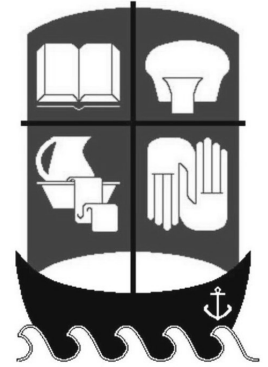


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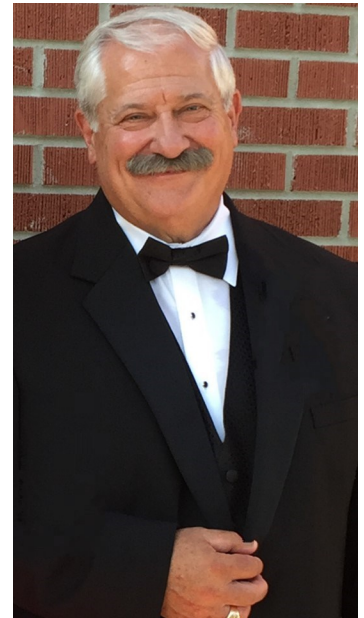
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Welcome

Lovingly favored with HIS perennial faithfulness and mercies, we assemble together for the special time of worship, fellowship, and interrelation in the mission of our Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist!

As we gather for the 2021 annual session in the historic city of Tupelo, whose citizens just celebrated their sesquicentennial (1870-2020) amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and apparent and poignant reminder of our FATHER'S ever present in ongoing care for his children peals fourth in the angelic voice—"a rising up from the ashes—a 'Phoenix' of the soul!" Therefore, with great anticipation and assurance we look forward to a special move of the precious Holy Spirit throughout these proceedings.

Indeed with a heart of gratitude extended to the congregants of *Connect Church* and *Pastor Terry Pierce*, may we all in intercessory prayer and sweet communion "rise up together and HIS grace"!



MEETING AT A GLANCE:

We are looking forward to be refreshed through worship, fellowship, and the Lord's work as we gather at the Connect Church in Tupelo.

Thursday - April 22

9:00am - Conference Session 1— Dr. Eddie

Moody: "Reaching and Influencing Our Culture with the Gospel"

10:30am - Conference Session 2— Dr. Eddie

Moody: "Training and Equipping our Congregations to Engage in Effective Discipleship"

2:00pm - State Business Session

7:00pm - Conference Session 3— Dr. Eddie

Moody: "Giving Ourselves Wholly to the Lord"

Friday - April 23

9:00am - Final State Business Session

9:00am - State Women Active for Christ Meeting

10:30am - Conference Session 4— Dr. Eddie

Moody: "What a Time to Be Alive! Your Mission in This Historical Moment"



Schedule for the Youth Conference & Competition

Friday - April 24

6:30- 8:00pm - State youth worship service led by Bro. Andrew Peirce and Bro. Tanner Stahl

8:00-9:00pm - Pizza fellowship

9:00pm - Special Guest: Christian illusionist Todd Smith

Saturday - April 25

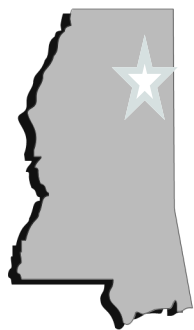
8:30 am - State youth competitions begin

- ◆ Awards ceremony at the conclusion of competition



PROGRAM

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



April 22-24, 2021
Connect Church, Tupelo

1650 N. Veterans Blvd

Tupelo, MS 38804

Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator
Rev. Paul Bryant, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Director of Communications
Rev. Steve Nichols, Director of Finances
Rev. Chris Mitchell, Clerk
Bro. Bob Birmingham, Asst. Clerk

Executive Board Members

Rev. Russell Clouse Rev. Van Dale Hudson

THURSDAY - April 22 - BIBLE CONFERENCE

8:15 am - Registration Open

9:00 am - Conference Session 1

- Congregational Worship
- Welcome/Prayer
- Presiding - Dr. Larry Reynolds
- Worship Leader - Bro. Tanner Stahl
- Speaker - Dr. Eddie Moody: **“Reaching and Influencing Our Culture with the Gospel”** How can we more effectively reach and influence a culture that is increasingly hostile toward Christianity?



Dr. Eddie Moody

10:30 am - Conference Session 2

- Congregational Worship
- Prayer
- Presiding Dr. Larry Reynolds
- Worship Leader - Bro. Tanner Stahl
- Special music: Rev. Terry Booker
- Speaker - Dr. Eddie Moody: **“Training and Equipping our Congregations to Engage in Effective Discipleship”** What does a disciple of Jesus Christ need to know and be able to do? We will answer these questions and look at what we can do to equip our congregations.

2:00pm - State Business Session

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Thursday - April 22

7:00 pm - Conference Worship Service

- Congregational Worship
- Welcome/Prayer
- Presiding – Dr. Larry Reynolds
- Worship Leader - Bro. Tanner Stahl
- Special Music: Rev. Tomas Holloway, Rev. Paul Bryant, Bro. Tanner Stahl
- Speaker - Dr. Eddie Moody: **“Giving Ourselves Wholly to the Lord”** We will examine the value of giving our time, energy, talents, and resources to the Lord. How can we be a good steward of what the Lord has given to us?

Friday - April 23

9:00 am - State Business Session continues

9:00 am - Mississippi Women Active for Christ State meeting

10:30 am - Conference Worship Service

- Congregational Worship
- Welcome/Prayer
- Presiding - Dr. Larry Reynolds
- Worship Leader - Bro. Tanner Stahl
- Special Music: Rev. Andrew Peirce
- Speaker - Dr. Eddie Moody: **“What a Time to Be Alive! Your Mission in This Historical Moment”**

Our Bible Conference Speaker:



Edward E. Moody, Jr., Ph.D., serves as the executive secretary of the NAFWB. He served as pastor at Tippet's Chapel in Clayton, North Carolina for almost two decades. He also worked for over 25 years he engaged in the training of professional counselors primarily at North Carolina Central University where he was a professor of counselor education and associate dean of the school of education. He is a licensed clinical mental health counselor supervisor as well as a licensed health services provider-psychological associate in North Carolina. The Licensed Professor Counselor Association of North Carolina honored him as their Counselor of the Year in 2016.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worships; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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, 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 we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principal 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 school, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Officers – Standing Boards and Committee Members

2020-2021 Associational Year

Director of Communication – Rev. Dennis Kizzire

Director of Finance – Rev. Steve Nichols

GENERAL OFFICERS:

Dr. Larry Reynolds - Moderator
Rev. Paul Bryant – Assistant Moderator
Rev. Chris Mitchell – Clerk
Bro. Bob Birmingham – Assistant Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Dr. Larry Reynolds – Chairman
Rev. Paul Bryant
Rev. Chris Mitchell
Bro. Bob Birmingham
Rev. Russell Clouse (2021)
Rev. Van Dale Hudson (2022)
Rev. Thomas Holloway (2023)

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXT.

Dr. Gerald Gann – Chairman (2021)
Rev. Terry Booker (2022)
Bro. George Kimbrow – Treasurer (2023)
Rev. Jerry Hooper (2024)
Bro. Lavelle Braddock (2025)

DISASTER RESPONSE BOARD

Bro. Bob Birmingham - Chairman (2024)
Bro. Freddie White (2021)
Bro. Lavell Braddock (2022)
Bro. Lynn Turner (2023)
Bro. David West (2025)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Thomas Holloway - Chairman (2021)
Bro. Colton Wages (2022)
Bro. Kris Greer (2023)
Rev. David Harper (2024)
Rev. Ryan Smith (2025)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Billy Trull
Bro. Benny Nix
Bro. George Kimbrow
Rev. Mike Daniels
Rev. William Smith

FWB CHILDREN HOME REPRESENTATIVES (1 YR. TERMS)

Bro. Mark Walden (2020)
Bro. Rusty Brewer (2020)



Free Will Baptist Children's Home

PO BOX 8 - ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA 35554
205.924.9751 • www.fwbhome.org

March 2021

Dear Mississippi Free Will Baptists,

What a year it has been. We have all faced challenges we would have never imagined a year ago. While we have certainly faced challenges at the Children's Home just like you, we have also been very blessed. As a ministry that depends 100% on the generosity of others, we had no idea what to expect in our giving. We did believe that the Lord would take care of this ministry as He has for the last 70 years. Throughout the economic challenges our country has faced, we have experienced that those who could give, were generous. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and allowing the Home to meet the financial needs that we have, no matter the economic challenges that our country faced.

Over the last year we have worked with over 40 children. This was a challenging year for them. There were three months where they were not able to see their families due to the quarantine. Those who are in foster care saw their cases stall due to courts closing and their parents not being able to get the services they needed. There were so many things they were told they couldn't do. They felt isolated. However, we were so thankful to be able to have them under our roofs, rather than the neglectful and abusive situations that many of them would have been in otherwise.

It has been challenging for our staff as well. About half of them have had to deal with having COVID and weeks of quarantine. Many of them were not able to see their own families for long periods of time. Houseparents have learned that they hate virtual school! They have also had the challenge of keeping children occupied when they are severely limited on places they could go.

However, we have persevered. We have learned there is so much we had taken for granted including in-person worship. We have also greatly missed those churches and community groups who would regularly visit our campus and spend time with our children. We missed church camp. Since we were not able to go to camp this year, we had our own camp in July, which the children jokingly named Camp COVID. There were 6 salvation decisions made that week! We were also able to have our Toy Run, our biggest event of the year in December. There were many safety precautions taken, and it was a bit different, but we still were able to make it a success with a record year total. We pray that 2021 will be another year for the Lord to use our ministry in a big way and accomplish many things for His Glory.

We are very thankful for our friends and supporters in Mississippi who take part in supporting us every year, both financially and through your prayers. We are very grateful for your partnership in this ministry.

Sincerely,

Mandy Mitchell

Executive Director

Investing Today In the Heart of Tomorrow

EXECUTIVE BOARD/GENERAL BOARD
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
OFFICIAL MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2020— SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI

The General Board and Executive Board of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist met for its scheduled meeting on Tuesday January 21, 2020 in Saltillo, Mississippi at the Beach Springs FWB Church.

Dr. Larry Reynolds opened the meeting welcoming everyone, followed by devotion from James 4:6 "He Gives More Grace". After the devotion, time was given for prayer requests. Bro. Van Dal Hudson led in prayer for the requests and meeting. The meeting was called to order.

Bro. Thomas Holloway gave the report for the Board of Christian Education and apologized for not submitting a budget, but promised to do so before the end of the month. He reported that plans were underway for the state meeting. The overall format would remain the same, but that over the last couple of years the number of competitors at the CTS competitions has trended downward. He also reported that the board was in need of ideas for conferences and retreats. There was a motion and second to receive this report as information, with the understanding that a budget would be submitted by the end of January. Carried.

Dr. Gann then gave the report from the Mississippi Board of Mission. He introduced the whole mission board, whom he brought to answer any questions that the executive board might have, as well as to have a board meeting of their own afterward. Dr. Gann also introduced Bro. Laron Dye, who is aiding the board in their building process, to answer questions. Dr. Gann reported that the renters in Madison have left, and that they are having the building and property appraised with the intention to sell. The board also discussed the difficulty with presenting a budget because of the uncertainty associated with income. To that end, they sent letters to each church along with "pledge cards" to try and get a better sense of what their income might be for 2020. By the date of this meeting they had already had some returned. It was also reported that the board had plans to clear the New Albany property at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00. A question was posed as to the overall financial standing of the board. As of December, the board has a balance of \$257,547.58.

Motion was made to receive this report as information, with a 2020 operating budget and a 2021 proposed budget to be presented by the end of January. Carried.

After a break, the executive board met:

Rev. Steve Nichols gave a written and verbal financial report. The financial statement for 2018-2019 was discussed as well as the September to December financials. M/S to receive the report. Carried.

The budget and MAP program were then discussed. It was pointed out that constitutionally, we are supposed to have a budget committee to review and approve the state budget. There was a motion to suspend the rules and allow the state executive board to act as the budget committee for the state. S/C

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020— Continued

There was a discussion about changing the percentages of our MTW program, with the point being made that the percentages are not reflective of current state needs, as well as may be hindering some from giving undesignated to the Mississippi together way program. After much consideration, the following recommendations were presented: to separate undesignated giving to state and national ministries and to change the percentages to MTW as follows: 40% Mississippi Home Missions, 35% Mississippi General Fund, 15% Mississippi Christian Education Board, 5% Children's Home-AL, 3% MAP, 1% Disaster Response Team Board, and 1% MS WAC. A motion was made to accept this proposal upon adoption by the voting body at the state meeting. S/C

An operating budget of \$15,500 was the presented and discussed. Motion was made to receive. S/C

Plans for the State Meeting were then finalized. Dr. Edward Moody will serve as our keynote speaker and will also host a "roundtable" discussion. Other speakers to include, if willing: Rev. David Harper on Thursday morning at 9:00am, Rev. Thomas Holloway at 10:30 am, and if needed for Friday morning at 9:00am-either Bro. Troy Sadowski or Rev. Van Dale Hudson. The Amount of the honorarium for the keynote speaker was agreed upon in the amount of \$500.00 plus expenses, with each other speaker to receive a \$100.00 honorarium. Motion was made to accept this proposal. S/C

Rev. Chris Mitchell then presented some options to the board to consider with regard to the Auditing Committee. Since our Auditing Committee does not actually perform an audit, it is necessary to make a constitutional change to better reflect what this committee does. The following options were presented for the Executive Board's consideration:

1. To completely dissolve the committee. Many state associations do not have such a committee. The budget committee (or it's equivalent) handles financial oversight.
2. To reword the current language to change all references to "auditing" or "audit" to "financial oversight", "examine" or "examination."
3. To completely restructure the committee

After much discussion, a motion was made to rename the "Auditing Committee" the "Financial Oversight Committee," and to make the following change to state constitution:

Current wording:

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee is a standing committee composed of three (3) members with terms up to three (3) years, with a member going off each year.

It shall be the duty of this Board to:

1. Establish guidelines for auditing procedures for all state treasurers.
2. Audit all treasurer books prior to the State Meeting

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2020— Continued

Proposed constitutional change:

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The **FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT** Committee is a standing committee composed of three (3) members with terms up to three (3) years, with a member going off each year.

It shall be the duty of this **COMMITTEE** to:

1. Examine all financial records for the fiscal year at least one month prior to the State Association annual meeting.
2. Give an annual oversight report to the State Association annual meeting

* The committee should seek to rectify any inconsistencies prior to the State Association annual meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Another constitutional change was then proposed. Due to the National Association raising representation fees, it has become necessary for us to raise our fees on a state level. To that end, Article IV, Sections 2 & 3 of the State Constitution needs to be changed. A motion was made to make the following change to Article IV Sections 2 & 3:

Current Wording:

Article IV - Membership

2. Representation: Each district association holding membership in the State association shall be entitled to five (5) representatives elected from the laity upon receipt of a letter and payment of the representative fee of one hundred (\$100) dollars, plus one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per member church in the district association. (\$150.00 of the per member church fee is for National Association representative fee.)
3. Each local church holding membership, representing in person and by membership fees in a qualified district association, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate upon receipt of a letter and upon the payment of a representative fee of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

Proposed Changes:

Article IV - Membership

2. Representation: Each district association holding membership in the State association shall be entitled to five (5) representatives elected from the laity upon receipt of a letter and payment of the representative fee **as established by the State Association, in alignment with the representation fees of the National Association.**
3. Each local church holding membership, representing in person and by membership fees in a qualified district association, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate upon receipt of a letter and upon the payment of a representative fee **as established by the State Association.**

The motion was seconded, discussed at great length, and carried.

A motion was then made to amend any and all by-laws to reflect these constitutional changes when they go into effect (specifically #10 & #14) S/C

A motion was then mad to adjourn. S/C The meeting ended in prayer.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
OFFICIAL MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, March 18, 2020: Via Teleconference

The Executive Board met via teleconference on Thursday, March 18 to discuss plans for the upcoming State Association meeting and the challenges concerning Covid-19 issues. The opening discussion centered on whether or not to cancel the meeting or postpone the meeting to a later date, weighing the pros and cons of both options. After much deliberation, the following motions were made and seconded:

1. To cancel the 2020 State Association meeting, with the Executive Board to meet in June to vote upon all pressing business on behalf of the State.
2. To postpone all proposed constitutional and MTW changes until 2021, in order to allow the voting body of the State Association to act upon these measures.
3. To extend the terms of all board and committee members by one year, including those whose terms expire in the current calendar year, so that nominations may be acted upon by the voting body of the State Association.
4. To publish a digest of reports to be made available to all churches prior to the special called Executive Board meeting.

After much deliberation, all four motions were carried. A special called Executive Board meeting was then scheduled for Tuesday, June 23.

A motion was then made to adjourn the teleconference. S/C

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD OF THE
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MEETING AT THE BEECH SPRINGS FWB CHURCH
SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI**

JUNE 23, 2020

9:30 AM

Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator

Rev. Paul Bryant, Assistant Moderator

Rev. Chris Mitchell, Clerk

Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Director of Communications

Rev. Steve Nichols, Director of Finance

On June 23, 2020, the Executive and General Boards of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met in a special called executive session to conduct all necessary business on behalf of the State Association, in lieu of the regular annual association meeting, which was cancelled in April because of the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak.

Present:

1. Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator
2. Rev. Paul Bryant, Asst. Moderator
3. Rev. Chris Mitchell, Clerk
4. Rev. Steve Nichols, Director of Finance
5. Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Director of Communications
6. Rev. Russel Clouse
7. Rev. Van Dale Hudson
8. Rev. Thomas Holloway
9. Rev. Terry Booker

Opening Devotion and Prayer:

- Devotion: Dr. Reynolds Jeremiah 32:16-17, 26-27, 38-41 "Facing Life with Our Father's Full Heart and Devotion"
- Prayer: Rev. Van Dale Hudson

Business:

1. Motion to open business. S/C
2. Minutes of March meeting (via teleconference) were read.
 - a. Motion to receive the minutes of the March meeting. S/C
3. Rev. Booker, in attendance representing the Mission Board, gave the following oral report:

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SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI
JUNE 23, 2020-Continued**

- a. Oral report summary: "Giving during this calendar year has been consistent enough to meet Bro. Lloyd's salary. The Madison property is in the process of being readied for appraisal to sell. New Albany mission work can now gather for in-person worship again. There is a spirit of optimism on the board for the coming year concerning the New Albany work."
 - b. Motion made to receive oral report. S/C
 - c. Attention was then focused on the written report of the Mission Board in the digest of reports. Concerns were raised as to the lack of detail in the 2020 budget, as well as no proposed budget for 2021.
 - i. Motion made to accept the written report as incomplete, with the direction that the Mission Board submit to the State Association an itemized budget for 2020 and for 2021, with each budget containing an itemized expense report from the previous year, and both budgets to be submitted by the September Executive Board meeting. Second
 - ii. After much discussion the motion carried
4. Rev. Tomas Holloway, chairman of the Christian Ed. Board, gave the following oral report:
- a. Oral report summary: "The planned state youth conference did not go forward because of the Covid-19 outbreak. Plans are underway for 2021. Expecting a big year for competitions since the National Association meeting is in Memphis. Working to put together a ministry conference focused on discipleship training."
 - b. Motion made to receive oral report and budget printed in digest of reports. S/C
5. Rev. Steve Nichols presented an up-to-date financial report for the state.
- a. Motion to accept report. S/C
6. The financial report of the DRT Board was reviewed.
- a. Motion to accept the financial statement of the DRT. S/C
7. Rev. Dennis Kizzire presented the director of Communications report
- a. Motion to receive the report. S/C
8. The rest of the Digest of Reports was reviewed. The clerk, Rev. Chris Mitchell pointed out several inconsistencies regarding board member/terms that needed to be reconciled. Namely, the term of Bro. David West on the Disaster Response Board, the term of Bro. Lavelle Braddock on the Mission Board, and the vacant term on the C.E. Board.

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EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD OF THE
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MEETING AT THE BEECH SPRINGS FWB CHURCH
SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI
JUNE 23, 2020-Continued**

- a. Bro. Mitchell made the following motion: “To set the term on Bro. David West on the Disaster Response Board to 2024. To Set the term on Bro. Lavelle Braddock on the Mission Board to 2024, and to nominate Bro. Ryan Smith to the C.E. Board with a term ending in 2024. This is with the understanding that all board members and general officers will have their terms extended by one year, as determined by the motion approved during the March teleconference meeting.”
 - b. The motion was seconded and carried.
9. Discussion commenced on plans for the 2021 state meeting, with many options presented by Bro. Paul Bryant. No action taken
 10. Next executive Board meeting set for September 22, 2020.
 11. Meeting adjourned.

**OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE
EXECUTIVE & GENERAL BOARD OF THE
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MEETING AT THE BEECH SPRINGS FWB CHURCH
SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI**

JUNE 23, 2020

9:30 AM

**Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator * Rev. Paul Bryant, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Chris Mitchell, Clerk * Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Director of Communications
Rev. Steve Nichols, Director of Finance**

On June 23, 2020, the Executive and General Boards of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met in a special called executive session to conduct all necessary business on behalf of the State Association, in lieu of the regular annual association meeting, which was cancelled in April because of the on-going Covid-19 outbreak. The following is a summary of the meeting:

After hearing an encouraging devotion from Jeremiah 32 from Dr. Reynolds and a time of prayer led by Bro. Hudson, the business session was properly opened. The minutes of the March teleconference were approved, and all boards presented their reports and budgets for review and approval. The following actions were taken on Behalf of the State Association:

1. All oral and written reports were approved.
2. All budgets were approved.
3. The rest of the Digest of Reports was reviewed. The clerk pointed out several inconsistencies regarding board member/terms that needed to be reconciled. Namely, the term of Bro. David West on the Disaster Response Board, the term of Bro. Lavelle Braddock on the Mission Board, and the vacant term on the C.E. Board.
 - a. The following motion was made and approved: "To set the term on Bro. David West on the Disaster Response Board to 2024. To Set the term on Bro. Lavelle Braddock on the Mission Board to 2024, and to nominate Bro. Ryan Smith to the C.E. Board with a term ending in 2024. This is with the understanding that all board members and general officers will have their terms extended by one year, as determined by the motion approved during the March teleconference meeting."

**OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE CALL OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
SEPTEMBER 29, 2020
9:30 AM**

Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator * Rev. Paul Bryant, Assistant Moderator

On September 29, 2020, the Executive Board of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists entered into executive session via conference call to make finalize the date, venue, and speaker(s) for the 2021 State Meeting:

The clerk joined the call late, and discussion was already underway:

- The ongoing COVID situation and its impact on the state meeting was being discussed, in particular COVID'S impact on senior citizens.
- The discussion then transitions to possible venues for the State Meeting.
 - The point was made that because of COVID, there is complications for securing a hotel venue.
 - Concerns were raised that if we do not use a hotel venue, it might be problematic returning to one in the future.
- After more general discussion, a motion was made to accept Connect Church's invitation to host the 2021 State Meeting, to be held April 2-24, and to empower Bro. Paul Bryant to work on hotel accommodations for the 2022 State Meeting. Motion was Seconded and carried.
- Motion was then made to ask Dr. Eddy Moody to do all four sessions of the meeting. Motion was Seconded and carried.
- Motion was made that we set the date of our next General and Executive board meeting, to be hosted by the Beech Springs church on January 19, 2021. Motion was Seconded and carried

The conference call adjourned

EXECUTIVE BOARD/GENERAL BOARD
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
OFFICIAL MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2021— SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI
9:30 AM

Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator * Rev. Paul Bryant, Assistant Moderator

Members Present:

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| 1. Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator | 6. Rev. Russel Clouse |
| 2. Rev. Paul Bryant, Asst. Moderator | 7. Rev. Van Dale Hudson |
| 3. Rev. Chris Mitchell, Clerk | 8. Rev. Thomas Holloway |
| 4. Rev. Steve Nichols, Director of Finance | 9. Dr. Gerald Gann |
| 5. Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Director of Communications | |

Dr. Reynolds opened the meeting with a devotion on Hope. Afterward, prayer requests were given and Dr. Gann led in prayer.

There was a motion to enter into business. The motion was seconded and carried.

- Rev. Thomas Holloway presented in writing a report for the Christian Education Board including a 2020 financial report and a proposed budget for 2021. A motion was made and seconded to receive the report and proposed budget. After discussion, the motion was carried.
- Dr. Gerald Gann then presented a written report for the Mission Board. A motion was made and seconded to receive the report. After much discussion, an amendment to the original motion was made to receive the report once a written budget and financial statement is received. M/S/C The original motion was then carried.

After a short break, the Executive Board entered into business:

- The clerk read the minutes from the previous meetings in 2020. Motion was made to receive the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Rev. Steve Nichols then gave the treasurers report. A motion was made and seconded to deal with each item individually. After each item was discussed, the treasurers report was carried.
- A budget of \$15,000.00 was then proposed A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. After discussion the proposed budget carried
- Rev. Dennis Kizzire the gave an oral report as the Director of Communications. A motion was made and seconded to receive the report. Motion carried.
- Discussion then moved to the plans for the upcoming State Meeting. Dr. Moody was confirmed as the conference speaker with honorarium being set at \$500.00 and expenses reimbursed at \$500.00. Rev. Paul Bryant and Rev. Thomas Holloway were tasked with coordinating the music for the conference.

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- A motion was then made to amend our proposed changes to MTW as follows:
 - ⇒ All churches who provide undesignated giving through the Mississippi Together Way have an option to allow 3% of these funds to be invested in their pastor's retirement account (only in an account established with the Free Wil Baptist Board of Retirement), and then the other 97% of the funds to be distributed though the MTW. After much discussion, the motion was carried.
- The current MTW proposal now reads as follows:
 - ⇒ Proposed: to separate undesignated giving to state and national ministries and to change the percentages to MTW as follows: 40% Mississippi Home Missions, 35% Mississippi General Fund, 15% Mississippi Christian Education Board, 5% Children's Home-AL, 3% MAP, 1% Disaster Response Team Board, and 1% MS WAC. Any church who gives undesignated funds through MTW may direct 3% of these undesignated funds to be deposited in their pastor's retirement account (only in an account established with the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement)
- A motion was then made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY AND PROPOSAL

2020 ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR BUDGET & 2020 ACTUAL EXPENSES

2022- PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>EXPENSE:</u>	<u>2020 BUDGET</u>	<u>2020 ACTUAL EXPENSE</u>	<u>2021 PROPOSAL</u>	<u>2022 PROPOSAL</u>
Director of Communications	\$4,200.00	\$4,550.00	\$4,400	<u>\$4,400.00</u>
Director of Finance	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,200	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
Accounting Services	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600	<u>\$600.00</u>
State Clerk Honorarium	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500	<u>\$500.00</u>
Mississippi Messenger	\$1,500.00	\$1,321.91	\$1,500	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Office Supplies/Expense	\$750.00	\$1,021.39	\$750	<u>\$750.00</u>
Board Travel/Meals/Hotel Expense	\$1,600.00	\$1,585.53	\$1,400	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
Web-Page	\$600	\$793.47	\$550	<u>\$550.00</u>
Digest Printing	\$500	0	\$500	<u>\$500.00</u>
State Assn. Honorariums	\$1,500	0	\$1,000	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
State Assn. Expenses	\$1,100	0	\$1,100	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,950	\$13,502.20	\$15,500	\$15,500.00



MISSISSIPPI DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT - January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Antioch FWBC	\$ 4.73		
Connect FWBC	\$ 42.75	5/4/20	
Cotton Heights FWBC	\$ 9.66	Tag for Trailer	\$ 30.86
Cross Creek FWBC	\$ 214.96		
CrossWalk FWBC	\$ 110.00		
First Iuka FWBC	\$ 13.53		
First Pearl	\$ 272.00		
Jones Chapel FWBC	\$ 4.23		
Poplar Springs FWBC	\$ 2.59		
-----TOTAL	\$ 674.45	-----TOTAL	\$ 30.86

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance 1/1/21:	\$ 10,945.69
Total Income	\$ 674.45
Subtotal	\$ 11,620.14
Total Expenses	\$ 30.86
Ending Balance 12/31/21	\$ 11,589.28

MS State Assn of Free Will Baptist
Statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

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**New MS State Assn of Free Will Baptists
Statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
At the dates indicated**

- Period Activity	Period Activity 1/20-12/20	Period Activity 1/19-12/19
<u>Cash Receipts</u>		
Antioch, Burnsville	\$ 5,352.00	\$ 8,418.00
Beech Springs, Saltillo	808.48	906.27
Bethel, Richton	6,064.00	9,586.00
Bethlehem, Pontotoc	0.00	100.00
Buckatunna, Buckatunna	1,800.00	1,400.00
Burgess Creek, Tishomingo	0.00	600.00
Corinth, Waynesboro	6,371.63	5,288.41
Cotton Heights, Meridian	2,912.00	2,243.34
Cross Creek, Olive Branch	19,790.00	16,585.00
CrossWalk Free Will Baptist Ch	4,783.47	2,002.73
Damascus, Delalb	439.70	1,369.30
Eggville, Tupelo	11,201.64	13,103.66
Fawn Grove, Mantachie	10,630.80	8,941.18
Fellowship, Richton	28,671.30	28,576.68
First, Amory	110.00	10.00
First, Booneville	9,244.00	8,026.11
First, Iuka	1,895.20	0.00
First, Pearl	9,534.57	7,039.29
First Richton FWB	0.00	100.00
Fulton, Fulton	20,903.71	19,163.59
Gulf Coast, Gulfport	0.00	100.00
Jones Chapel, Booneville	5,290.68	5,252.73
Life Gate FWB	229.00	1,045.00
Little Brown Creek, New Site	6,492.44	4,070.48
Little Brown Creek Association	3,625.00	2,505.00
Little Brown Creek Youth	100.00	300.00
Lee Chapel, Waynesboro	3,481.50	3,136.31
Macedonia, Rienzi	1,826.00	1,780.55
Martin Hill, Booneville	26,866.75	31,195.00
McGregor's Chapel, Pontotoc	2,231.20	2,006.30
Midway, Marietta	520.00	600.00
Mt Pisgah, Booneville	15,083.53	10,121.59
New Gauley, Calhoun City	2,440.00	1,508.00
New Lebanon, Tishomingo	1,347.00	1,000.00
New Life, Houlka	2,460.00	2,460.00
Northeast MS Association	3,150.00	5,308.00
Pearce Chapel, Smithville	14,900.00	17,100.00
Pine Grove, State Line	5,900.00	6,910.00
Pleasant Grove, Thaxton	700.00	450.00
Poplar Springs, Iuka	5,426.58	2,880.16
Smith Chapel, Booneville	5,989.68	2,860.48
South Mississippi Association	0.00	7,506.00
Springdale, Oxford	200.00	1,100.00
Trinity, Waynesboro	3,250.60	6,352.02
Tupelo, Tupelo	3,000.00	3,000.00
State Association Offerings	0.00	185.00
Total Receipts	255,022.46	254,192.18

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- Period Activity	Period Activity 1/20-12/20	Period Activity 1/19-12/19
<u>Designated Disbursements</u>		
MS Home Missions	77,016.00	78,125.55
MS Christion Education Board	2,653.71	1,957.53
MS WNAC-Gen Fund	119.49	66.37
Morganwood Youth Camp	10,511.87	10,158.97
South MS Youth Camp	7,523.88	8,419.86
FWB Children's Home	19,671.71	22,002.57
MS Disaster Response Board	674.45	273.15
National Together Way	13,557.63	16,409.63
International Ministries-Gen F	27,530.65	25,488.59
North America Missions-Gen Fd	47,397.20	51,530.13
National Comm on Theology	10.00	0.00
National WNAC	37.00	15.00
Welch College-Gen Fund	10,329.10	11,836.56
Southeast FWB College-Gen Fd	50.00	600.00
Other Ministries-Designated	75.00	0.00
Other Ministries-David Aycock	1,360.00	360.00
Other Ministries-Gideons Int'l	617.00	1,313.00
Other Ministries-Gillette	1,855.23	2,088.88
Other Ministries-Patel	211.72	1,029.46
Other Ministries-Rainbow Hispa	880.00	1,220.00
Other Ministries-Sav-A-Life M	800.00	1,000.00
Other Ministries-Webb	5,489.25	4,868.04
Other Ministries-CLIPA	1,251.04	1,474.23
Other Ministries-	200.00	0.00
National FWB State Rep Fees	9,903.54	150.00
Disaster Relief-Lovewell	0.00	300.00
Total Designated Disbursements	239,725.47	240,687.52
<u>General Fund Disbursements</u>		
Director:Finance-Sal	3,100.00	3,000.00
Director:Communication-Sal	4,550.00	4,200.00
Accounting Services(CPA)	600.00	550.00
MS Messenger-Supplies	1,321.91	1,359.69
Office Supplies/Expenses	1,021.39	630.77
State Association Web Page	793.47	538.64
Exe Board-Travel	1,559.35	767.18
Exe Board-Meals	26.18	125.84
State Clerk Honorarium	529.90	500.00
Total General Fund Disbursements	13,502.20	11,672.12
Total Disbursements	253,227.67	252,359.64
Increase (Decrease) In Cash	1,794.79	1,832.54
Cash Balance - Beginning	6,280.17	1,974.15
Cash Balance - Ending	\$ 6,167.65	\$ 4,372.86

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund Balance, December 31, 2020.....\$23, 652.39

**MSFWB Christian Education Board
2020 Financial Report**

Beginning Balance	1/01/2020	\$7,567.70
Together Way Income		\$2,964.43
Conference Income		\$480.00
Total Income		\$3,444.43
Total Expenses Paid		\$581.08
Ending Balance		\$10,431.05

Calendar Year 2019 Expenses

Randall House/2020 Comp. Suppl.	\$88.48
Competition -NYC Registration Postage	\$1.60
Competition -NYC Registration	\$0.00
Smithville Competition Refund	\$300.00
Cross Creek Competition Refund	\$90.00
Jones Chapel Competition Refund	\$90.00
Stamps	\$11.00
Total Expenses	\$581.08

Christian Education Board Budget Summary and Proposal

Expense	2020 Actual Expense	2020 Budget	2021 Proposal	2022 Proposal
Office Supplies/Expense	\$101.08	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Youth Conference Honorariums/ Event	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Youth Conference Expenses	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
NYC Registration	*\$480.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Ministry Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Totals	\$581.08	\$2,700.00	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00

*NYC Registration for 2020 was actually a refund, not a fee that we sent to Vertical Three for the youth competition.

MISSION BOARD PROJECTED BUDGET
2021

MISSIONARY	
BRO. THOMAS LOYD	\$ 62,500.00
BRO. RICK BOWLING.....	\$ 5,000.00
BRO. STEVE TORRISON.....	\$ 5,000.00
MISSION BOARD EXPENSES.....	\$ 5,000.00
MADISON BUILDING- INSURANCE.....	\$ 3,400.00
NEW ALBANY MISSION WORK.....	\$500,000.00
TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2021.....	\$580,900.00

**MISSISSIPPI HOME MISSIONS
FINANCIAL REPORT
JAN. 1, 2020 TO DEC. 31, 2020**

BEGINNING BALANCE -JANUARY 1,2020		\$273,469.40
RECEIVED FROM		
CHURCHES	\$29,361.73	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$712.03	
BOWLING/TORRISON ACCOUNT	\$2,316.00	
MARCH FOR MISSIONS	\$12,772.07	
NEW ALBANY PROJECT	<u>\$33,712.50</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$78,874.33	
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR		\$352,343.73
EXPENSES		
MISSION BOARD EXPENSES		
MILEAGE & MEALS	\$1,207.98	
HONORARIUM	\$250.00	
LARON DYE	\$2,527.44	
SERVICE CHARGES	\$65.00	
BRADDOCK FUNERAL FLOWERS	\$91.95	
TOTAL MISSION BOARD EXPENSES	\$4,142.37	\$4,142.37
MADISON EXPENSES		
BUILDING INSURANCE	\$3,314.75	
UTILITIES	\$2,852.36	
APPRAISAL	\$2,750.00	
YARDWORK	\$1,380.00	
PEST CONTROL/TERMITE	\$256.80	
REPAIRS	\$2,950.00	
TOTAL MADISON EXPENSES	\$13,503.91	\$13,503.91
CROSSWALK FWBC		
CONFERENCE ROOM RENTAL	\$2,325.00	
ITINERANT TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$1,024.52	
MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS GIFT	\$500.00	
LAND CLEARING/PROPERTY WORK	\$30,171.25	
TOTAL CROSSWALK FWBC EXPENSES	\$34,020.77	\$34,020.77
MISSIONARY SALARY	\$62,499.96	\$62,499.96
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2020		\$114,167.01
ENDING BALANCE – DEC. 31, 2020		\$238,176.72

YEAREND MONTHLY GIVING TOTALS – JAN. 1, 2020 TO DEC. 31, 2020

	MONTHLY GIVING	MARCH FOR MISSIONS	NEW ALBANY PROJECT	BOWLING/ TORRISON
CHURCHES:				
AMORY FIRST (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00
ANTIOCH (LB)	\$80.33	\$0.00	\$818.00	\$0.00
ANTIOCH (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BEECH SPRINGS (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$336.18	\$0.00
BETHEL (S)	\$1,394.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BETHLEHEM (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BOONEVILLE FIRST (LB)	\$0.00	\$1,114.00	\$1,150.00	\$400.00
BUCKATUNNA (S)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
BURGESS CREEK (LB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COMMUNITY (LB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CONNECT (NE)	\$726.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CORINTH (S)	\$2,717.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$342.00
COTTON HEIGHTS (S)	\$289.92	\$305.00	\$150.00	\$304.00
COUNTY LINE (S)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CROSS CREEK (LB)	\$3,100.55	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CROSS WALK (NE)	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$2,240.26	\$0.00
DAMASCUS (NE)	\$182.70	\$0.00	\$257.00	\$0.00
EGGVILLE (NE)	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,750.30	\$0.00
FAWN GROVE (NE)	\$863.75	\$0.00	\$2,328.79	\$0.00
FELLOWSHIP (S)	\$8,924.99	\$2,231.22	\$200.00	\$0.00
FULTON (NE)	\$3,067.55	\$0.00	\$917.32	\$270.00
HARMONY (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GULF COAST (S)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
IUKA FIRST (LB)	\$230.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JONES CHAPEL (LB)	\$165.58	\$40.00	\$543.03	\$0.00
LEE'S CHAPEL (S)	\$570.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LIFEGATE (LB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$229.00	\$0.00
LITTLE BROWN (LB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,248.49	\$0.00
LOVEWELL (S)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MACEDONIA (LB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510.92	\$0.00
MARTIN HILL (LB)	\$1,768.00	\$199.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
MCGREGGOR'S CHAPEL (NE)	\$685.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MIDWAY (LB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620.00	\$0.00
MT. PISGAH (LB)	\$2,288.58	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
NEW GAULEY (NE)	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$263.00	\$0.00
NEW LEBANON (LB)	\$0.00	\$847.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
NEW LIFE (NE)	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PEARCE CHAPEL (NE)	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$4,600.00	\$0.00
PEARL FIRST (NE)	\$557.00	\$600.00	\$1,367.64	\$0.00
PINE GROVE (S)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PLEASANT GROVE (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
POPLAR SPRINGS (LB)	\$448.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,235.00	\$0.00
RICHTON FIRST (S)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SMITH CHAPEL (LB)	\$0.00	\$875.10	\$866.57	\$0.00
SPRINGDALE (NE)	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SMITHVILLE (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRINITY (S)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WHITEHILL (NE)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LITTLE BROWN ASSOCIATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$771.00	\$0.00
DR. AND MRS. GERALD GANN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$29,361.73	\$12,772.07	\$33,712.50	\$2,316.00

Director of Communications
REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI
STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convening April 22-24, 2021 at Connect Church, Tupelo, MS

Greetings:

With the pandemic raging, the last twelve months have presented challenges unlike we have faced in modern history. These challenging times necessitated changes in our lives, personally and how we interacted with others. With challenges of not having in-church worship came the opportunity of many expanding their ministry outside their four walls by doing Facebook worship services, parking lot worship and several other innovative means of "worshiping together". I am grateful to our National Executive Secretary, Dr. Eddie Moody, for his example of use the internet to communicate a message of unity in Spirit. I am grateful for his daily post on our MSAFWB Facebook group page that offer encouragement and challenges.

Messenger Update: *As our emailing list has expanded, we continue to get positive response relative to the weekly Wednesday MESSENGER UPDATE sent by email to individuals in our congregations across Mississippi and our entire denomination. This email includes news, announcements, prayer request etc. If you would like to be included on the mail list, send your email address to Kizzire1@comcast.net to be added. I will be glad to produce enhanced emails containing graphics which can promote your church, association and area events. Each week the Messenger UPDATE is posted on the home page of MSFWB.ORG, the Mississippi Free Will Baptists website, as well as the Facebook Group page that now has over 700 members. Please share your church activities and announcements!*

Website: *As we have for several years, we continue to update and try to keep our website, MSFWB.ORG, as current as possible. The objective of the website is to relay information to our Mississippi Free Will Baptists and others who may choose to visit our site. We want to exhibit a testimony to others, who may view the website, that we strive to keep current information on our site. Our web presence serves as and information base for those across our denomination as well as those outside our denomination who seek information pertaining to Mississippi Free Will Baptists Please check the website often. If you are aware of incorrect information, please contact us. There is a disconnect in getting information to the local association clerk to the state clerk and many of our addresses are incorrect or incomplete.*

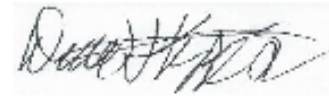
Please send an email to kizzire1@comcast.net and confirm your Pastor's name, address, phone number and email address.

Facebook : *We continue our presence on Facebook. The Mississippi Free Will Baptist group allows posting of information pertinent to the ministry of our congregations and our state denomination. Join this group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/msfwb/>*

PLEASE include the General Fund of our State in your church giving. You might consider promoting a General Fund Sunday and receive a special offering to help with the expenses of the offices of Financial Director and Communications Director. Money from our congregations are distributed across our denomination, reports are generated and maintained along with production of the Messenger UPDATE and DIGEST of REPORTS. There are expenses of postage, office supplies, our website cost, business internet cost at Comcast, travel expenses, along with modest salaries, honorariums, state meeting expenses etc.

Pray for me and this ministry as I seek to fulfill the responsibility and privilege entrusted to me by MY Lord and Mississippi Free Will Baptists.

*Submitted for Information by:
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CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Article I - Name

This body adopts as its official name, 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 district Associations and churches of Mississippi and to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in connection with the district Associations and Churches comprising this organization.

Article III - Treatise of Faith and Practice

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

Article IV - Membership

1. The membership of this Association shall consist of Free Will Baptist district Associations and their member churches. The district Associations shall make request for membership in the State Association. Upon examination and approval of the Mississippi State Association, they shall be received as members of this body.
2. Representation: Each district association holding membership in the State association shall be entitled to five (5) representatives elected from the laity upon receipt of a letter and payment of the representative fee of one hundred (\$100) dollars, plus one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per member church in the district association. (\$150.00 of the per member church fee is for National Association representative fee.)
3. Each local church holding membership, representing in person and by membership fees in a qualified district association, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate upon receipt of a letter and upon the payment of a representative fee of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.
4. All ordained ministers and deacons of the qualified district associations shall be entitled to membership in this body, provided they are members in good standing of a local church, which represents by person and membership fees in a qualified district association of the Mississippi State Association.
5. At the request and recommendation of the State Mission Board, all missionaries and mission churches under the auspices of the State Mission Board shall be entitled to membership in this body. They shall follow the requirements of item 3 of Article IV. Therefore, it is recommended that the district associations receive the missionaries and mission churches into their fellowship with full privileges.
6. It is understood that the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists has no judicial authority over any district association or church.
7. The Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists does not grant any judicial authority to any representative body to which it may belong.

Article V - Officers

GENERAL OFFICERS:

1. Moderator

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings, associational business and activities of the Mississippi State Association and the Executive Board.

2. Assistant Moderator

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to serve in the absence or at the request of the Moderator. He shall assist the Moderator in associational business and activities.

3. Clerk

(a) It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record and have printed annually the minutes of this Association activities of the Executive Board.

(b) To enroll delegates to this Association who shall present themselves with the proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, the case under question may be referred to a credential committee appointed by the moderator.

4. Assistant Clerk

It shall be the duty of the assistant clerk to serve in the absence of the Clerk, provide assistance to the Clerk during the annual meeting of the State association and preparation of minutes and reports.

5. At each regular session of the Mississippi State Association, a Committee of five be elected each year to serve as a Nominating Committee and report their nominations in the September Mississippi Messenger for consideration at the next State Associational Meeting. The five would be nominated each year by the present Nominating Committee. Present Members would not be eligible for the next years Nominating Committee. Members may not nominate themselves for any office. If a member is nominated for a position, they must remove themselves from the Nominating Committee and the Moderator will appoint someone to replace them. Elections shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present.

6. Director of Finance

- (a.) Serves as State Treasurer and Financial Comptroller—assisted by an accounts specialist (CPA)
- (b) Responsible for financial reports and disclosures as requested by State Association.
- (c) Promotes overall financial support and stewardship plans of the State Association.

7. Director of Communications

(a) Serves as Editor of the official publication of the State Association, "The Messenger", and is the facilitator of the official website (www.msfwb.org) of the State Association.

- (b) Promotes the work of the State Association through publications and information.
- (c) Promotes cohesiveness and supportiveness in the State Association.

Article VI - Boards and Committees

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is a standing board composed of nine (9) members: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Director of Communications, Director of Finance. Three (3) At-large members, one from each of the three District Associations will be elected from the State Association delegates with one of the At-Large members going off each year.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to:

1. Plan the program, promote attendance and secure speakers for the annual sessions of the Mississippi State Association.
2. Act in behalf of the Mississippi State Association when it is not in session. It shall be bound to carry out the directions of the association and shall hold itself bound by every consideration of morality and honor to carry out the wishes of the Mississippi State Association and to act under its instructions in whatever technical rights, civil laws and the decisions of courts may give it in certain emergencies.
3. Fill any vacancies which may occur in its own body, and any vacancies which may occur in any office, standing board or committee between sessions of the Mississippi State Association. An office may be declared vacant for any of the following reasons: If a member fails to meet the requirements of item 5 of the By-laws; if a member fails to attend the board or committee meetings for a period of one year without providential hindrance; or if for any reason he submits a statement of resignation.
6. Serve as the coordinating agency of the association to correlate the work of all standing boards and committees.
7. Keep a record of all work accomplished, money raised, meetings conducted, and make a full and complete report at the annual association of the Mississippi State Association. The Executive Board shall receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey property entrusted to the Mississippi State Association, except as stipulated elsewhere in the constitution. All decisions of this board shall be governed by the constitution of the Mississippi State Association.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is a standing Board composed of five (5) members with terms up to five (5) years, with a board member going off each year.

It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to:

1. Promote the organization of new churches.
2. Make a complete report annually of all funds received, disbursements, and action taken, to the Mississippi State Association.

This board will have the authority to approve:

1. The selection of sites for mission projects in the state of Mississippi.
2. Location and purchase of property purchased by the church or mission until all financial support be terminated
3. Location and purchase of property purchased for the church.
4. The organization of a Mission into a church.

The Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall not:

1. Choose a site for a mission project in a town, city, or community where there is an organized Free Will Baptist church affiliated with the Mississippi State Association unless there is agreement and cooperation of the established church or churches in the area.
2. Assist in the organization of a group that is out of fellowship with a Free Will Baptist church affiliated with the Mississippi State Association.

The Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall have the right and authority for missions and churches receiving financial support from the Mississippi Home Mission Board, in the event the work fails, or the church disbands or ceases to function, to recover any equity from the failed work in the form of property, securities, cash or any other assets, for five (5) years after financial support has terminated. Recovered equity is to be used in future mission projects at the discretion of the Board. However, this does not mean that the Board will assume any liabilities of the church or any direct indebtedness at any time.

When the Mississippi State Association through the Mission Board has paid for the purchase of property and/or buildings, the final deed to property will be made under the name of the organized church and the Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Also the following dissolution clause shall be inserted into the property deeds:

"All business, property and assets shall be turned over to the Home Mission Board of the Mississippi State Association in event of one or more of the following circumstances:

- a. The dissolution of the mission or church.
- b. If the mission or church refuses to or ceases to affiliate with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.
- c. If the mission or church shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes of a Free Will Baptist Church as set forth in the Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists."

This does not give the Mississippi State Association through its Home Mission Board any authority in the internal affairs or business of a mission or church, as long as the purpose and intent of the local congregation is to maintain a Free Will Baptist church affiliated with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.

3. To assist both state and national missions departments in planning and promoting itinerant missionary schedules in the state of Mississippi.
4. To plan and promote Mission Conferences.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education is a standing board composed of five (5) members with terms of up to four (4) years, with a member going off each year.

It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Board of Christian Education to:

1. Promote all phases of educational work in the State Association.
2. Be a link from the local church to the National level.
3. Promote teaching materials and personnel for educational programs in the church.
4. Plan and promote statewide Christian education conferences.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee is a standing committee composed of three (3) members with terms up to four (3) years, with a member going off each year.

It shall be the duty of this Board to:

1. Establish guidelines for auditing procedures for all state treasurers.
2. Audit all treasurer's books prior to the State Association.
3. Give an annual audit report to the State Association.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee is a standing committee composed of the Moderator, Director of Finance, and chairmen of all standing boards and committees

It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a yearly budget to the Mississippi State Association along with recommended percentages for the distribution of undesignated funds given through Mississippi Together Ministries.

THE DISASTER RESPONSE BOARD

The Disaster Response Board is a standing board composed of five (5) members with terms of up to five (5) years, with a member going off each year. The State Master's Men President shall be an ex-officio member to this board.

It Shall be the duty of this board to:

1. Establish an account for all money received for disaster relief.
2. Create guidelines to account for receiving funds and establish lines of accountability for those whom funds are disbursed.
3. The Disaster Response Team to be funded as a standing board receiving 5% of un-designated Together Way funds.
4. Gather disaster information and make recommendations on how best to respond to a request for help.
5. Serve as point of contact between disaster needs and available disaster responders.
6. Keep an inventory of all equipment as stated in the Disaster Response Team booklet and replace items as needed.
7. Maintain a record of all work accomplished.
8. Update as needed the Disaster Response Team booklet, which contains the equipment list and guidelines on how the Response Team operates.
9. Contact National Master's Men Disaster Response Unit when appropriate.
10. Make a report annually of all funds received, disbursements and action taken to the Miss. State Association.

Article VII - Meetings

The Mississippi State Association shall meet annually in the Spring of the year with fluctuating dates. The MWAC and the Mississippi State Youth Conference will correlate with the State Meeting. The Executive Board will select and announce the place of the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board when extreme necessity demands, provided that the Clerk of the State Association has properly notified the moderators of the member associations at least thirty (30) days before the date set for the meeting. Twenty-five (25) legal delegates shall constitute a quorum for any special meetings of this Association.

Article VIII - Mississippi Together Way Ministries

Guidelines For Unified Support

The Mississippi Together Ministries provides local churches and individuals a simple and unified method of voluntary support from the local church to state and world-wide ministries. This plan also provides for one central treasurer to receive and distribute both designated and undesignated state funds.

The Mississippi Together Ministries shall follow these guidelines.

1. The Mississippi State Association possesses no authority to assess member churches for any funds other than membership fees.
2. As an association of churches, the member churches may voluntarily unite together for the promotion of both state and national Free Will Baptist ministries.
3. Each member church may voluntarily contribute a percentage of offerings to support state and national ministries through the Mississippi Together Way Ministries. The method of giving and actual percentage to be determined by the local church body.
4. Each church shall decide if its offerings to state and national ministries will be designated, undesignated or both.
5. The Mississippi State Association when in session shall adopt a budget and set the percentages for the distribution of undesignated funds.
6. All special fund raising campaigns by state boards and committees shall be approved by the Executive Board of the Mississippi State Association.
7. The Director of Finance shall receive and distribute funds as designated. Undesignated funds will be distributed according to the percentages established by the Mississippi State Association.
8. A form shall be provided by the Director of Finance to each church whereby the church may list its offerings. Space will be provided for either designated or undesignated offerings.
9. The Director of Finance shall make a quarterly report of funds received and disbursed in the **MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER**. A yearly report shall be made to the Annual meeting of the Mississippi State Association.

THE MISSISSIPPI ACTION PLAN (MAP)

HOW THE MISSISSIPPI MISSION ACTION PLAN WORKS:

1. Choosing the missionary accounts to be included.
2. Listing the missionary accounts annual Budgets.
3. Calculating Mississippi's percentage of responsibility.
4. Determining the dollar amounts of the percentages.
5. Totaling the missionaries' fund amounts.
6. Dividing the total by 400 shares to ascertain amount of one share.
7. Assigning distribution percentages to the missionaries of the Mississippi MAP funds received.
8. Local churches and individuals voluntary assuming a number of shares.

GENERAL GUIDELINES (MAP)

Missionaries receiving support through the Mississippi MAP will be approved, commissioned, directed, and disciplined by the National Foreign Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Missionaries' annual budgets and Mississippi's percentages of responsibility is information the Mississippi State Director of Finance will receive from the National Foreign Missions Office. Churches or individuals giving through their churches will be asked to share in this ministry by monthly voluntarily contributing shares for Mississippi's MAP. Each month the church treasurers send the shares to the State Office. The State Office distributes the shares on the last business day of each month.

To keep the plan current, the State Office will work very closely with the National Foreign Missions Office: If a missionary's active status is discontinued, his/her support will be stopped after his/her account is in the black. At that time, the distribution percentages will be adjusted accordingly.

If a missionary's account is over funded, his/her support will be stopped for the remainder of that fiscal year and the distribution percentages will be adjusted accordingly. The point of actually being over funded will be determined in consultation with the International Missions Office.

Surplus funds will be directed to the accounts of other missionaries who are not adopted by other states. Again, these decisions will be made in consultation with the Foreign Missions Office.

The Mississippi State Executive Board is empowered to adjust the plan as needed between the annual sessions of the State Association. Adjustments will be made in the spirit of the State Association's voted directions and within the scope of the above stated guidelines. The Director of Finance will make a report to the regular annual sessions of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists

The plan will be funded by the Mississippi State Association churches supporting he Acts 1:8 task our Lord gave us.

Article IX - Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists shall be recommended in writing, to the delegates, at the yearly session and tabled until the next yearly association. Amendments must receive two-thirds visible vote of the delegates present for adoption.

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 Executive Board. When neither the Moderator nor the Assistant Moderator is present, the Executive Board shall elect a Moderator pro tempore, who shall call the Association to order.
2. This Association shall elect whatever boards and committees it deems necessary for its operation and shall state whether they are standing or temporary.

The Mississippi General Board will be comprised of the Executive Board and chairperson of each standing board and shall meet to plan, promote and coordinate the ministry of the Mississippi State Association. Meeting expenses, for boards with no provision for funds, shall be paid from the Executive General Fund.
3. A Resolution Committee shall be appointed at each association to report at the next year's session. This committee will be responsible to receive and consider resolutions from members of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist. They will report their recommendations to the State Association when in regular session.
4. The Association shall receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Clerk's report and omit public reading of the letters. All letters are to be mailed with the representative fee, (if the church desires to send a delegate) to the State Association Clerk by the thirtieth (30) of March proceeding the annual Spring session.
5. All officers, board and committee members must be members in good standing of a local Free Will Baptist church, which represents by person and membership fees in a qualified local association of the Mississippi State Association.
6. For the Obituary report, Each district association clerk is to include the names of the deceased in the annual report to the State Association . They shall note if the deceased is a Deacon or Minister. The State Clerk shall read the names of those gone to be with the Lord the previous year and appropriate recognition be given. The names of the Deacons and Ministers shall then be included in the state letter to the National Association of Free Will Baptist
7. All standing boards and committees shall have the authority to select a Treasurer from among their members. They shall have the authority to receive and disburse funds allocated and contributed to them.
8. Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of the same as and not to exceed the current rate set by the I.R.S. plus compensation for food and lodging for all members of standing Boards or committees while transacting business authorized by said boards or committees, or the Mississippi State Association. Treasurers shall pay such expense when written claim is presented by each individual involved.
9. No board or committee shall encumber the Mississippi State Association beyond their current fiscal year budget, or enter into litigation when the Mississippi State Association is not in conference without the approval of the Executive Board. The chairman of the Executive Board shall sign all papers by which the Mississippi State Association is to become legally responsible.
10. The Mississippi State Associational year will begin on September 1 and end on August 31. All treasurers shall close their books on August 31. The financial records of the State association shall be audited annually. Treasurer's records shall be submitted to the auditing committee for audit no later than September 30.
11. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Moderator if he deems it necessary, and on any questions as to parliamentary procedure, Roberts' Rules of Order shall be final authority on the subject.

12. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided the change is recommended in writing and tabled in the Friday session and voted on during the Saturday session¹

13. That the National General Board Representative from Mississippi be recommended to the National Association of Free Will Baptists Nominating Committee by the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists Executive Board and that this action be approved by the delegates at any Mississippi State Association meeting.

14. That the District Association Representative Fee to the State Association is set at \$150.00 per member church.

15. State Office Employment Guidelines:

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to employ the Director of Communication and the Director of Finance. These Directors shall be responsible and accountable to the Executive Board in the fulfillment of their duties and office as outlined by the state's constitution and bylaws.

A. The salary, benefits, and remunerations for the Directors of Finance and Communications shall be set by the Executive Board. These financial details will be part of the Executive Board's budget presented to the state each year.

B. The Director of Finance and the Director of Communication shall serve as "ex-officio" non-voting members of the Executive Board.

16. Director of Finance:

A. The Director of Finance will be hired for an indefinite term, with a sixty (60) day notice required for termination by either the Director of Finance or the Executive Board.

B. The Director of Finance shall work under the direction of, and closely with the Executive Board and shall report directly to the Executive Board at each meeting.

C. The Director of Finance shall report to the state body at each state meeting

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ADOPTED RULES FOR MISSISSIPPI STATE C.T.S. COMPETITION

OBJECTIVE

The competition shall be for the purpose of discovery and development of talents, discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, Bible skills, and dependence upon the Lord.

AREAS OF COMPETITION

The two areas of competition are:

Bible Competition: Bible Memorization, Bible Sword Drill, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and Bible Bowl.

Music and Arts Festival: Vocal Solo, Vocal Ensemble, Chorale and Choir, Instrumental, Oral Communication, Creative Writing, Multi-Media, Creative Arts.

The divisions and break-downs shall be as noted in the Official Guide book of the National Association.

RULES:

1. The Guide Book of the National Association shall set the guidelines and rules for state competition.
2. No person shall be allowed to enter the state completion without first going through their respective district competition. An exception shall he granted if there is no district competition and no other entry in the category applied for.
3. All entries must be received by May 1. Entries shall he sent to the Chairman of The Youth Ministries Board These entries shall be made on the entry forms provided in the Guidebook of the National Association.
4. All entries must regularly attend a local Free Will Baptist church.
5. Clothing: The dress code shall be as stated in the Guidebook of the National Association. (No individual or team will he allowed to compete until they comply with the rules as determined by a unanimous decision of the judges.)
6. If in a category, there is only one competitor, and a first place rating is not received the person shall be allowed to represent the state of Mississippi at the National level, provided the following situations occur:
 - a. The competitor receives no lower than a second place rating.
 - b. Provided that there is only one entry in that particular category.
7. Judges: Judges shall be chosen by a Majority of board members with final approval being given by the chairman of the board.
 - a. Due to the limited access to qualified individuals in all the areas of competition the judges should be as well rounded as possible in all of the areas of competition
 - b. Open complaining of judges and judging techniques only serves to hurt in the very areas the competition organized to promote, therefore outward complaining shall be considered a violation and shall be cause for disqualification of the participant (i.e. no public complaints of judges will be tolerated. In many cases the judges have sacrificed to help with the competition.) It is most important that a Christ like spirit is maintained at all times.
 - c. Any complaints shall be brought to the chairman or a delegated committee member in private during the time of the competition. If a problem persists after this meeting, the Board of Christian Education members present shall be called for a vote on the issue at hand.
8. The location for the state meeting shall be announced at the Annual State Association of Free Will Baptists. In the event that it is not announced it shall be the responsibility of the participants to contact a board member to find out the dates of the competition.

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Annual State Association Letter to the National Association

State Association Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists Dates of Next Meeting 04 / 23 to 4 / 24

(Please attach the following information regarding your next meeting: location, address, start/end, dates/times.)

Reporting Period 01 / 2020 to 12 / 2020 (month/year) Moderator's Email Larro72bucc@gmail.com

Moderator Dr. Larry Reynolds Phone (601) 735-8872

Address 8309 Cobblestone Dr City Meridian State MS Zip 39305

Clerk Re. Chris Mitchell Email cmitchell@amorychristian.org

Phone (662) 315-9890 Representation Fees (\$175 per church) \$ 8,050

Address 907 Rose Ln City Amory State MS Zip 38821

Treasurer Rev. Steve Nichols Email nichman74@aol.com

Phone (662) 231-8692

National General Board Member Dr. Larry Reynolds

Delegates

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of district associations 3

2. Number of district associations reporting 3

3. Number of churches 46

4. Number of churches reporting 46

5. Number of churches:

 Within city limits 15

 Rural 31

6. Number of churches with:

 Full-time pastors 21

 Bi-vocational pastors 23

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 77

2. Members added 104

3. Members lost 68

4. Membership 3311

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ N/A

2. Number of churches with budgets 27

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages NA

2. Value of all church property including parsonages
\$ N/A

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 53

 Licensed ministers 12

2. Number of ordained deacons 133

3. Number of:

 Daycares _____

 Christian Schools 1

 Bible Institutes 1

 Colleges _____

4. Sunday School enrollment 1,792

I am submitting, with this report, all district and quarterly minutes received with their reports, along with two copies of the state association minutes.

Name and Address of State Associational Property	Director, Address, Email	Value of Associational Property
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Please retain a copy for your records. Mail forms to Executive Office: PO Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. Filable forms available at: www.nafwb.org.

Form 584 (revised 02/2020)

OBITUARY REPORT

“THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED HOME THIS YEAR”

Little Brown Creek Association

Antioch:	Mattie Barnes	Clifton Marlar
First Booneville:	Helen Moreland	
Martin Hill	Raymond Jones	Jerry Frederick
Mt. Pisgah:	Mae Nix	Marie Hurst
	Eva Vaughn	
New Lebanon:	Bobby Moss	Katherine Williams
	Sybil Mitchell	Joyce Holder

Northeast Association

Amory:	Mary Jo Hadaway	
Beech Springs:	Frances Chism	Abilene Powtow
	Mildred Johnson	
Connect:	Charles (Willard) Vance	Kelli Gann
	Sybille Barron	
Fawn Grove:	Lois Comer	Betty Mills
Fulton:	Melba Leah Dozier	
New Gauley:	Leslie Gene Goodson	
Peace Chapel:	Reba Turner	
Springdale:	Stephanie Henry	

South Mississippi Association

Bethel:	Betty Shows Cooley	
Buckatunna:	Charles Rigney	
Corinth	Eva Henderson	
Cotton Heights	Paul Glosson	
County Line:	George Browder	
Damascus	Ronnie Salter	
Pine Grove:	Ronnie Mashburn	
Trinity:	Rev. Glenn Shelby	Betty Shelby

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2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Assistant Moderator: REPLACING Rev. Paul Bryant
Clerk: REPLACING Rev. Chis Mitchell
Assistant Clerk: REPLACING Bro. Bob Birmingham

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Rev. Paul Bryant
Rev. Chris Mitchell
Bro. Bob Birmingham

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Rev. Russell Clouse

BOARD OF MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION:

REPLACING Dr. Gerald Gann

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DISASTER RESPONSE BOARD:

REPLACING Bro. Freddie White

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

REPLACING Rev. Thomas Holloway

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FWB CHILDREN HOME REPRESENTATIVES (1 year term)

REPLACING Bro. Mark Walden

Bro. Make Walden

REPLACING Bro. Rusty Brewer

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AUDITING COMMITTEE:

REPLACING Mrs. Shirley Dykes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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REPLACING Bro. George Kimbrow

REPLACING Bro. Benny Nix

REPLACING Rev. Mike Daniels

REPLAICNG Rev. William Smith
