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MINUTES

OF

THE STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

PELL CITY CHURCH

NOVEMBER 7-9, 1940

Next session to convene with Macedonia Church, nine miles south of Cullman on Breman Road, on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1941.

M. E. Carpenter, Fernbank, Ala.-----Moderator

E. W. Graves, Vernon, Ala.-----Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION
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THURSDAY NIGHT**

After a fine song service, Elder R. P. Ritch of Pell City conducted a fine devotional service. Elder A. J. Lambert of Parrish brought a very able message from the text, 1 Cor. 12-13. ✓

FRIDAY A. M.

Song service led by Bro. A. J. Lambert.

Devotional led by Elder J. H. Potts.

Move carried that the Association be opened for business.

In the absence of the duly elected Clerk, E. W. Graves, was elected to fill his place.

Organization of the Association was begun by appointing A. J. Lambert and R. P. Ritch as reading clerks.

Letters were recieved and delegates were seated from the following associations:

Liberty: Carl O'Dannell and Laura Roberts.

Cahaba River: J. T. Adair, H. M. Black, W. H. Ryland and others.

Progressive: Rev. A. J. Lambert, Bro. and Sister J. T. Johnson and Sister J. H. Cole.

Vernon: Bros. D. C. Hall and P. H. Woods.

Jasper: Elder and Sister J. H. Potts.

Flint River: Elder W. H. Lawrence.

Birmingham District: Elders Lee Hank and Charlie Franklin.

Mt. Mariah: Elder J. L. Lavender.

Motion carried the Moderator be empowered to appoint all committees.

General Business Committeee appointed, Elder Joe S. Fredrick, R. P. Ritch, and Bro. D. C. Hall.

Finance Committee, Rev. W. H. Lawrence, J. H. Potts and Carl O'Dannell.

Moderator M. E. Carpenter brought a splendid lecture on "The Need of a State Association".

RECESS

✓ After song and prayer, Rev. J. T. Adair conducted the devotional followed by a fine message from Elder C. R. Allen. Subject, "Organization".

NOON

Song service led by Bro. J. T. Johnson.

Prayer by Rev. Potts.

An able discussion was given by Rev. Ritch. Subject, Cooperation With the National Program".

Partial report of General Business Committee. (See Report)

An interesting discussion was had on the queries: How Long Between the First and Second Resurrection? Can a Man Apostalyze Rev. E. W. Graves and R. P. Ritch b (., (.),;!::; and be Restored Again. Rev. E. W. Graves and R. P. Ritch being the speakers.

RECESS

Song service followed by prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland.
A fine message was delivered by Rev. J. L. Lavender. Subject, "Personal Consecration".
Song, "Rock of Ages".
Recessed until evening.
A splendid song service was enjoyed by all.
A verbal report from statistician W. H. Ryland. Many interesting facts regarding our work in the state were given.
Devotional service led by Rev. W. H. Lawrence.
An inspiring message was delivered by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Subject "The Luke Warm Church".

SATURDAY A. M.

Song service led by Bro. Black of Birmingham.
Prayer by E. W. Graves.
Interesting talks were made on the the subject of Superannuation by Elders Williams and J. T. Adair.
Final report of General Business Board. (See Report).
The Moderator appointed Bros. Allen, W. H. Lawrence, P. H. Woods as the Queries and Resolution Committee.
Moved, carried the association elect its officers for the ensuing year.
The election resulted in Elder Carpenter being chosen Moderator; Joe S. Fredrick, Assistant Moderator; E. W. Graves, Clerk; R. P. Ritch, Assistant Clerk.
Elder J. H. Potts chosen as Statistician.
The Moderator appointed the following Boards: Executive Committee: Elders Joe S. Fredrick, E. W. Graves, and A. J. Lambert.
General Business Board: Elders H. M. Black, G. W. Hollis and R. P. Ritch.
Moved, carried the General Business Board arrange the program for the next session.
Moved, carried that the Clerk pay the Statistician \$2.12 and the Moderator \$1.50 for expenses during the past year.
Moved, carried that the Clerk be paid \$5.00 for his service.
Macedonia Church of Cullman was selected as the place for the next session to meet.
Moved, carried that the business session of the Association be adjourned to meet with Macedonia Church of Cullman on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in November 1941.

RECESS

Song service by A. J. Lambert.
Devotional by Elder Hanks.
Sermon by Elder Fredrick, Text: Phil. 4-18. A real love feast was experienced by all. After the Benediction a splendid luncheon climaxed a most successful session of this Association.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

GENERAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We make the following report. We recommend:

1. That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 500 copies printed.
2. That the Chairman of Finance Committee sit with the Clerk to receive all finance and make a record. At the end he shall make a report and turn the money over to the Clerk.
3. That each association be allowed three elected delegates in addition to its Ministers and Deacons.
4. That the body appoint a Credential Committee to be composed of one member from each association represented.
5. The duty of the Credential Committee shall be to examine all Petitionary letters and to examine all Ministers and Deacons of such associations presenting such letters. They shall make a written report of their findings.
6. That all officers of this body be nominated from the floor and they be elected by a majority vote of delegates present.
7. We recommend a survey of the State be made and boundary lines be established, dividing our work into districts and that each church become a member of the association of its district.
8. We recommend the General Business Committee make this Survey and report at the next session of this Association with their plans for carrying on our work.
9. That a Statistician be appointed. That he secure statistics of the Free Will Baptist of Alabama and that he make a written report to this body.
10. That each Church pay into the treasurer of this Association one dollar above the regular Association fee.
11. That the Moderator appoint all committees hereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE S. FREDRICK, Chairman.

REPORT OF QUERIES AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We beg to report:

1. Resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to this Church and community of Pell City for their fine hospitality and spirit of cooperation shown us during our visit with you.

We submit the following queries for discussion:

1. Is there a second definite work of Grace?

2. What Becomes of the Soul of man at death?
3. Was Judas a devil from the beginning?
4. What is the heart of man?

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. ALLEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We wish to report that we have collected \$18 and have been pledged \$11 for a total of \$29.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LAWRENCE, Chairman.