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**The
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State Association
of
Free Will Baptists**

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**Convened at
Macedonia Church
Cullman Alabama**

MINUTES

OF THE

Alabama State Association

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Macedonia Church of Cullman, Alabama
November 6, 7, 8, 1941

Next session to convene with Friendship Church
of Pell City, Alabama, on Thursday night before
the second Sunday in November, 1942.

Rev. J. J. Stabb, Moderator,
R. P. Ritch, Clerk.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Alabama State Association held with Macedonia Church November 6, 7, 8, 1941.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song service conducted by Bro. L. E. Guthery.

Devotional service by Bro. W. C. Patterson.

A fine message was delivered by Rev. J. T. Windsor.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service led by Elder Black.

Devotional by Elder Mitchell.

Move carried that the association be opened for business.

In the absence of the duly elected moderator and clerk, Elder W. H. Lawrence was elected moderator; Elder R. P. Ritch, assistant clerk, acted as clerk.

Bros. L. E. Guthery and D. H. Davenport was appointed reading clerks.

Letters were received and delegates seated from the following churches and associations:

Cahaba River — Rev. H. L. Mitchell, Bro. L. W. Kindrick and Bro. J. C. Howard.

Progressive — Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Liberty — Bros. W. C. Patterson and D. J. O'Donnell.

Friendship Church — Rev. J. T. Windsor.

Flint River Association — Rev. C. O. Davis and Bro. E. L. Brown.

Macedonia Church — Bro. L. E. Guthery.

The following committee was appointed: Elders C. R. Allen, J. T. Windsor and H. M. Black; Finance Committee: Elders H. M. Black, K. V. Shutes, J. T. Windsor and Bro. W. C. Patterson; Queries and Resolutions Committee: Bros. L. E. Guthery, D. J. O'Donnell and Eld. C. R. Allen.

Recess.

Song service led by Bro. Hames.

Elder W. A. Norris took the stand, reading Rev. 2: 16-18; followed by Elder K. V. Shutes. Both delivered a grand message.

Noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service conducted by Eld. H. M. Black.

Devotional by Bro. W. C. Patterson.

Discussions on the following topics:

"The Purpose of the State Association" by Elder K. V. Shutes. A very interesting talk.

"What is the Heart of Man?" Very ably discussed by Elders C. R. Allen and W. H. Lawrence.

"What Becomes of Soul of Man at Death?" by Elders K. V. Shutes and H. L. Mitchell.

"Was Judas a Devil From the Beginning?" by Elders R. P. Ritch and K. V. Shutes.

Partial report of the General Business Committee. (See Reports.)

Recess.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song service conducted by Elder R. P. Ritch.

Devotional conducted by Bro. Hames.

Many wonderful testimonies were given and a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit was enjoyed by all.

Messages by H. M. Black, "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is layed" 1 Cor. 3:11.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service by Eld. J. T. Quick.

Devotional by Eld. K. V. Shutes.

Final report by General Business Committee. (See Report.)

Report on Queries and Resolutions. (See Reports.)

Report of Credential Committee. (See Report.)

Report of Finance Committee. (See Report.)

Committees appointed for next session as follows:

Orphanage Committee—Eld. J. J. Stabb, chairman, Elders R. P. Ritch, J. T. Quick and K. V. Shutes.

Constitution and By-Laws—Elders H. L. Mitchell, H. M. Black, J. T. Quick, C. R. Allen and K. V. Shutes.

Credential Committee—Elders J. T. Quick, C. R. Allen and A. J. Lambert.

Executive Committee—Eld. H. M. Black, Bros. W. C. Patterson and D. H. Davenport.

Election of officers as follows: Moderator, Eld. J. J. Stabb; Assistant Moderator, Eld. K. V. Shutes; Clerk,

Eld. R. P. Ritch; Assistant Clerk, Eld. H. L. Mitchell; Statistician, Eld. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama.

Delegates to the National Association: Elders H. M. Black, K. V. Shutes, R. P. Ritch and J. T. Quick.

Motion carried that the business session of the Association be adjourned to meet with Friendship Church of Pell City, Alabama, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November, 1942.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Business Committee

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That a committee of not less than three, no more than five, be appointed by the moderator at this session to raise money for the purpose of building an orphanage in Alabama. That the first man appointed be treasurer and that he bank all funds. This board will make appeals to the Association during the year for funds. The treasurer's name is to be printed in the minutes with his address.

2. That this State Association send delegates to the National Association at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, on Monday through Thursday after the second Sunday in July, 1942. The fee is \$10.00. One delegate is to be appointed from each association represented in the State Association.

3. That this body support our national work. Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri, is treasurer of foreign missions. We have several missionaries on the field to be supported. Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Paintsville, Kentucky, is the treasurer of unified program. Money sent to him is divided as follows: 40 per cent for Christian Education; 30 per cent for Foreign Missions; 20 per cent for Home Missions; 10 per cent for Superaunation. Rev. J. R. Davidson, 808 W. 27th Street, Bryan, Texas is treasurer of National Educational Board. Money sent to him is used to pay on the new Bible college purchased in Nashville, Tennessee, and for holding Christian Worker's Institutes..

4. We urge all our preachers and workers who can to attend the Christian Worker's Institute at Jakin, Georgia, in May, 1942. Write to A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Georgia, for date and cost.

5. We urge our people to subscribe to the Free Will Bap-

tist published at Ayden, North Carolina, \$1.50 per year, and to the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri, for 75c per year.

6. That a committee be appointed to write a Constitution and By-Laws for this body.

Respectfully Submitted,

— Rev. H. L. Mitchell, Chairman.

Queries and Resoultion Committee

We beg to report first that we extend our heart-felt thanks to this community and to the Macedonia Church of Cullman, Alabama for their fine spirit of hospitality and spirit of co-operation shown us during our visit and stay. We submit the following queries for discussion:

1. Is Christ lifted up by the Christian or the world?
2. Is there a second definite work of Grace?
3. When did and how was the addition of the Church of Christ to the Free Will Baptist?
4. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses. What death was he speaking of — natural or spiritual?
5. How did Ananias and Sapphira get in the church?

Respectfully Submitted,

— L. E. Guthery, Chairman.

Credential Committee

There have been three association delegates seated in the body Friday, namely: Progressive, Liberty, Cahaba River and two churches — Macedonia church in Flint River Association and Friendship church in Liberty Association.

We find these Associations and churches and ministers in good standing.

Saturday the Flint River delegates were seated in our body.

Respectfully Submitted,

— Eld. H. M. Black, Chairman.

Finance Committee

We your committee wish to report that we have collected twenty-one dollars (\$21.00).

Respectfully Submitted,

— Rev. W. H. Lawrence, Chairman.