

**North Alabama
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**



MINUTES 1967



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

MINUTES

Of The

SECOND SESSION

Of The

**NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

When Convened With

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Hanceville, Alabama

October 7, 1967

OFFICERS — 1967-68

MODERATOR Rev. Billy Sharpston
Route 3, Box 71A, Hartselle, Alabama

ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. F. L. Thomas
Route 1, Cullman, Alabama

CLERK-TREASURER Mr. Paul M. Jones
Route 2, Falkville, Alabama 35622

The next session of this Association will convene with the Laodicea Free Will Baptist Church two miles West of Hanceville, Alabama on Saturday October 12, 1968.

PROCEEDINGS

The second session of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Hanceville, Alabama on October 7, 1967.

The session was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Julian L. Parsons, Prayer by Rev. Billy Sharpston.

Welcome by Bro. Gerald Wilson.

Moderator, Rev. R. P. Ritch called meeting to order. Remarks by moderator that we should guard our constitution, that we should be proud of our Association.

Credential Committee appointed by moderator were: Bro. Albert Henry; Bro. Harry Bradshaw; Bro. Tom Lowery.

Moved by Rev. Billy Sharpston and seconded by Rev. F. L. Thomas that we adopt the letter form prepared by Bro. Sharpston to be sent by each church to the Association. (motion carried)

Moderator appointed a committee to examine Bro. Donald Hanna. Those appointed were: Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rev. F. L. Thomas, Rev. Julian L. Parsons, Bro. Lee Headrick, Bro. Albert Henry.

The committee recommended that the Association accept Bro. Donald Hanna.

Devotion by Rev. Billy Sharpston using Psalm 126.

Morning message by Rev. F. L. Thomas using I Thessalonians 5:1-7.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a wonderful lunch, served by the host church, the association reassembled at 1:00 p.m. After a song by the congregation led by Bro. Paul Jones, Bro. Gerald Wilson led in prayer.

Devotion by Rev. Julian L. Parsons using Isaiah 43:1-7.

BUSINESS: Moved Bro. Harry Bradshaw, seconded by Rev. F. L. Thomas, that the clerk have the authority to have some cards of good standing printed for the Ministers and Deacons. (motion carried)

Delegates elected to represent us in the State Association were: Bro. Gerald Wilson, Bro. Harry Bradshaw, Bro. Colman Holmes. Sis. Tom Lowery, Sis. Leola Alexander.

ELECTION: Officers for the Association, for the coming year elected were: Moderator—Rev. Billy Sharpston; Ass't. Moderator—Rev. F. L. Thomas; Clerk-Treasurer—Paul Jones.

North Alabama Quarterly Conference will meet as follows:

December 30th 1967—Pleasant Hill

March 30th 1968—Cedar Creek

June 29th 1968—Rocket City

TREASURE REPORT

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Cedar Creek	Rev. Billy Sharpston Route 3, Box 71A Hartselle, Ala. 35640	Mr. Robert L. Brewer Route 3 Hartselle, Ala. 35640
Maple Grove	Rev. Donald Hanna 3606 West End Ave. Nashville, Tenn.	Mrs. Myrna Montgomery Route 2 Madison, Ala. 35758
Pleasant Hill	Rev. F. L. Thomas Route 1 Cullman, Ala. 35055	Mr. Bennie H. Moore Route 2 Blountsville, Ala.
Rocket City	Rev. Willie Bennitt	Mrs. Bobby Sargent 3103 Brook Manor N.W. Huntsville, Ala. 35085
Laodicea	Rev. Julian L. Parsons 1303 16th Ave. S.E. Decatur, Ala. 35601	Mrs. Leola Alexander P. O. Box 28 Hanceville, Ala.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. F. L. Thomas
Route 1
Cullman, Ala. 35055

Rev. Billy Sharpston
Route 3, Box 71A
Hartselle, Ala. 35640

Rev. R. P. Ritch
P. O. Box 113
Madison, Ala. 35758

Rev. Julian L. Parsons
1303 16th Ave. S.E.
Decatur, Ala. 35601

Rev. Donald Hanna
3606 West End Ave.
Nashville, Tenn.

ORDAINED DEACONS

CEDAR CREEK—Albert L. Henry, Willie B. Foote, Thomas (Bud) Hill,
Paul M. Jones, Luther F. Holmes.

MAPLE GROVE—V. G. Lowery, Walter Lowery.

PLEASANT HILL—Clovis Slarnes.

LAODICEA—Lee Headrick.

ROCKET CITY—Bobby J. Sargent, Paul E. McCray.

DELEGATES

MAPLE GROVE—Tom Lowery, Mrs. Tom Lowery, Eugene Lowery, Mrs.
Eugene Lowery.

LAODICEA—Sister Margaret Parsons, Sister Sally Parsons, Sister Annie
Shugart, Sister Gail Shugart. Sister Mitzi Shugart.

ROCKET CITY—Mr. Harry Bradshaw, Mrs. Harry Bradshaw.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Winnie Atkins, Sister Druscilla Wilson, Sister
Sallie Allen.

CEDAR CREEK—Sister Inez Jones, Sister Judy Wary, Sister Jane Harrison,
Sister Joyce Holmes, Sister Laverne Henry.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I

This body shall be known as the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II

This Association shall be composed of Ministers, deacons, clerks, and delegates from the different churches forming the same. All having full power to vote on all questions which come before the association. Each church being entitled to five (5) delegates. With a representation fee of \$15.00 from each church.

ARTICLE III

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

ARTICLE IV

This body shall be composed of churches of the above named association together with like bodies of same faith and practice which may be hereafter admitted.

ARTICLE V

The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-treasurer, who shall be chosen by the nomination and majority of votes at the end of each session. Officers thus elected shall hold their positions until their successors are elected. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. It is understood that the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist have no judicial authority over any local church.

Section 2. The North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist, and its member local churches do not grant any judicial authority to any representative body to which they may belong.

ARTICLE VII

There shall be an ordaining council elected by the association to inquire into and examine each applicant for ordination to preach the Gospel of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and make recommendation to the association for the ordination of said applicant. This council shall be composed of five (5) ordained men.

ARTICLE VIII

This association shall meet annually on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, at the place agreed on at the previous session.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. When a church desires that one of its members should be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel, it requests the association to examine, by council, such member. The examination for license should refer to the piety, doctrine and convictions respecting the work of the ministry, and the reputation for character and ability of the candidate.

Section 2. The examination for ordination should include all that is required for license, and also satisfactory examination respecting the life and labors of the candidate.

Section 3. No preacher shall be accepted or ordained in this association as a preacher who has more than one living wife.

ARTICLE X

This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing and tabled in the morning session and voted on during the afternoon session.

BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Section 1. The Moderator, assistant moderator, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the association to order.

Section 2. No person shall be allowed to speak more than two times on any one subject, or more than five (5) minutes without the permission of the moderator.

Section 3. A Credential committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session who shall receive and examine the letters and list the delegates and turn them over to the clerk with any recommendations they may wish to make, and omit the public reading of the letters.

Section 4. The Moderator shall have the right to appoint all committees.

Section 5. No person shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of (I Timothy), "The husband of one wife."

Section 6. The business of this association shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 7. No person shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.

Section 8. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at one time and he shall arise and address the Moderator. In case two arise at the same time, the first seen by the Moderator shall be allowed to speak.

Section 9. No person should absent himself from the association without permission of the Moderator.

Section 10. This association shall issue annually, cards of good standing to its ministers and deacons.

Section 11. This association shall in all cases in the transaction of all business brought before it, be governed by a majority of all delegates present. And any church or delegate failing or refusing to vote, is and shall be considered a party to the enforcement of same.

Section 12. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this association by two-thirds vote of the members present.