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**North Alabama
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**



MINUTES 1969

MINUTES
Of The
FOURTH SESSION
Of The
**NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

When Convened With
Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church
Hartselle, Alabama
October 11, 1969

OFFICERS — 1969-70

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

ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. Herbert M. Wilkerson
Route 3, Box 71A Hartselle, Alabama

CLERK-TREASURER Mr. Paul M. Jones
Route 2, Box 8, Falkville, Alabama

The next session of this Association will convene with the FAITH
Free Will Baptist Church, 3106 Bob Wallace Ave., Huntsville,
Alabama, on Saturday, October 10, 1970.

PROCEEDINGS

The fourth session of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist convened with Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Hartselle, Alabama on October 11, 1969.

The session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Ritch. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Meeting called to order by assistant moderator Rev. F. L. Thomas. Welcome given by Rev. Herbert M. Wilkerson, Pastor of the Host Church.

The moderator appointed a credentials committee: Bro. Albert Henry, Bro. Harvey Wisdom, Bro. Otis Lowery.

The minutes were read of the last meeting and approved.

The credential committee made their report of the letters and the delegates were seated.

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church requested in their letter that Bro. Benton W. Rogers be licensed to preach the Gospel. The request was tabled until the afternoon business session.

Old business from the last sitting of the Association, was to appoint a business and obituary committee. Appointed were:

BRO. HARVEY WISDOM Laodicea Church, Hanceville, Alabama
BRO. CHARLES RYLAND Faith Church, Huntsville, Alabama
BRO. OTIS LOWERY Maple Grove Church, Madison, Alabama
BRO. HARVEY WELBORN First Church, Decatur, Alabama
BRO. ALBERT HENRY Cedar Creek Church, Hartselle, Alabama

A letter of dismissal was granted to Rev. R. P. Ritch (who was in good standing with this association) who has joined an association in Mississippi.

Rev. Ray Ritch who is Clerk of the State Association gave a talk on the Co-operative Plan and requested each Church would help the host church finance the State meeting.

The morning message by Rev. Herbert M. Wilkerson, his text from Romans 8:28-34.

After a wonderful lunch and fellowship the Association reassembled at 1:00 P.M. Congregational singing led by Rev. Ray Ritch.

Devotion and prayer, Bro. Harvey Wisdom text—Romans 8:37-39.

BUSINESS

Tabled business was the request for Bro. Benton W. Rogers to be licensed to preach the Gospel. The committee voted not to license Bro. Rogers.

Election of officers for the coming year:

MODERATOR Rev. F. L. Thomas

ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. Herbert M. Wilkerson

CLERK-TREASURER Paul M. Jones

DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION: Alice Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Atkins, Mrs. Leola Alexander and Mrs. Harvey Wisdom.

The next session of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, 3106 Bob Wallace Ave., Huntsville, Alabama, on October 19, 1970.

Meeting Adjourned

Moderator—Rev. F. L. Thomas

Clerk-Treasurer—Paul M. Jones

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Cedar Creek	Herbert Wilkerson Route 3, Box 71A Hartselle, Alabama 35640	Mrs. Bob Ramey Route 3 Hartselle, Alabama 35640
Faith	Rev. Merritt Floyd 3109 Patrick Dr. Huntsville, Alabama 35810	Carter Roberson
First FWB	Rev. E. B. Ledlow 809 Westwood Dr. SW Decatur, Alabama 35601	Ann Johnson Decatur, Alabama 35601
Laodicea	Rev. F. L. Thomas Route 1 Cullman, Alabama 35055	Winnie Atkins Route 1, Box 298C Hanceville, Alabama 35077
Maple Grove		Mrs. Myrna Montgomery Route 2 Madison, Alabama 35758
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Gerald Wilson Route 2 Blountsville, Alabama	Binnie Moore Route 2 Blountsville, Alabama

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. F. L. Thomas Route 1 Cullman, Ala. 35055	Rev. Herbert M. Wilkerson Route 3, Box 71A Hartselle, Ala. 35640
Rev. Gerald Wilson Route 2 Blountsville, Ala.	Rev. Julian L. Parson 1303 16th Ave. SE Decatur, Ala. 35601
Rev. E. B. Ledlow 809 Westwood Dr. SW Decatur, Ala. 35601	Rev. Merritt Floyd 3109 Patrick Dr. Huntsville, Ala. 35810
	Rev. Odie Curvin

ORDAINED DEACONS

CEDAR CREEK—Albert Henry, Willie B. Foote, Paul Jones, Luther Holmes.
 MAPLE GROVE—V. G. Lowery, Walter Lowery.
 PLEASANT HILL—Clovis Starns, Herbert Couch, Ruff Puttman.
 LAODICEA—Lee Headrick
 FAITH—Charles Ryland, Paul McCray.

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

The 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.

Section 4. No one shall be ordained as a deacon until he is put on trial by his church for one year.

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." He must satisfactorily answer all the oral and/or written questions put to him by the ordaining council.

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 shall 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.