

**North Alabama
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**



MINUTES 1971



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

MINUTES

of the

SIXTH SESSION

of the

NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

when convened with

Maple Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Madison, Alabama

OCTOBER 8-9, 1971



OFFICERS — 1971-1972

MODERATOR **REV. FLOYD C. BARBER**
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1303 16th Ave. S.E., Decatur, Alabama 35601

CLERK-TREASURER **MRS. MYRNA MONTGOMERY**
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The next session of this Association will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur, Alabama on October 13-14, 1972.

October 8-9, 1971

The 6th session of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Maple Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Madison, Alabama. The First Ministers and Deacons Conference of the Association met Friday night. Officers were elected and the conference set in order.

Officers for the year 1971-1972 are:

MODERATOR—Rev. Ronald Edgil

ASSISTANT MODERATOR—Bro. Glenn Stover

CLERK—Bro. Roy Houston

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful message by the Rev. Kenneth Walker our Missionary to Mobile, Alabama.

Saturday Morning 10:00 A.M.

Meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Kenneth Ritch and Prayer by Rev. Louie Bates. Devotion by Bro. Glenn Stover, Text Isaiah 53. Welcome given by Bro. Kenneth Ritch.

Moderator called the meeting to order then the visitors were welcomed to seats with us. They were Rev. and Sis. Louie Bates, Rev. and Sis. Harper, and Rev. and Sis. Buddie Biggs.

Credentials Committee appointed by Moderator.

Rev. Julian L. Parsons, Chairman
Bro. Walter Lowery
Bro. Ray Parker
Bro. Lee Headrick
Bro. Bud Hill

Ordaining Council Appointed.

Rev. Ronald Edgil, Chairman
Rev. Malone Cobb
Bro. U. G. Lowery
Bro. Colman Holmes
Bro. Glenn Stover

The obituary committee reported two deaths. They were Bro. Dick Barkley of Maple Grove, and Bro. Wiley Fleming of Cave Springs. Church letters were received and the Credentials Committee made their report.

We the Credentials Committee find all the letters in order, and the Maple Grove Church requests that Bro. Kenneth Ritch, Bro. Otis Lowery, and Bro. Walter Craig be ordained for Deacons.

Rev. Julian L. Parsons, Chairman

Delegates were seated in order and the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Special music was presented by Sis. Beverly Biggs. Then the Message by the Rev. Malone Cobb. Text Psalms 39:1-7.

Afternoon

After a wonderful lunch by the Host Church, the congregation reassembled with singing led by Bro. Kenneth Ritch.

The Ordaining Council gave their report. We the Ordaining Council find the candidates in good standing and recommend they be ordained.

Rev. Ronald Edgil, Chairman

Rev. Ronald Edgil gave the charge in the Ordination Service. And everyone enjoyed the service.

Rev. Larry Powell, Missionary to the Virgin Islands gave a report on the work there. An offering of \$20.00 was received for Rev. Powell.

Motion made and second that we have a Youth Meeting once a month. With the first meeting to be at the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist Church on October 30, 1971. Motion carried.

Delegates were appointed to represent this association in the State Association. Those appointed were:

Bro. Roger Houston
Sis. Leola Alexander
Sis. Ann Rohrscheib
Sis. Joyce Holmes
Sis. Myrna Montgomery

Officers elected for the year 1971-1972:

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Quarterly Meeting Year 1972—

JANUARY 29, 1972:

Cedar Creek F.W.B. Church
Hartselle, Alabama

APRIL 29, 1972:

Laodicea F.W.B. Church
Hanceville, Alabama

JULY 29, 1972:

Cave Springs F.W.B. Church
Town Creek, Alabama

The next Association will meet with the First F.W.B. Church of Decatur, Alabama on October 13-14, 1972.

Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Moderator
Mrs. Myrna Montgomery, Clerk

Church**Pastor****Clerk****Ordained Ministers**

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Hartselle

Rev. A. J. Looper
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Hartselle, Ala. 35640

Mrs. Bob Ramey
Route 3, Box 71
Hartselle, Ala. 35640

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

First F.W.B.
Decatur

Rev. J. Malone Cobb
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Decatur, Ala. 35601

Mrs. Sue Massey
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Town Creek

Rev. Ronald Edgil
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Town Creek, Ala.

Mr. Don Landers
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Laodicea
Hanceville

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Madison, Alabama 35758

Rev. James Bussey
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Rev. E. B. Ledlow

Rev. Blaine Bishop

Church

Ordained Deacons

CEDAR CREEK—HARTSELLE: Willie B. Foote, Colman Holmes, Glenn Stover

FIRST F.W.B.—DECATUR: James Rains, Don Rohrscheib, Harvey Welborn, Paul M. Jones, D. C. Kennedy.

MAPLE GROVE—MADISON: Walter Lowery, U. G. Lowery, Otis Lowery, Walter Craig, Kenneth Ritch.

CAVE SPRINGS—TOWN CREEK: Roy Houston, Lewis Anderton, Harold Fretwell.

LAODICEA—HANCEVILLE: Lee Headrick

Inactive Deacons

CEDAR CREEK: Albert Henry, Luther Holmes, Bud Hill.

CAVE SPRINGS: Bob Landers, Horace Jeffreys, Thomas Fretwell.

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 Credentials 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 departs from the subject under discussion or uses 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.