

**North Alabama
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**



MINUTES 1972

MINUTES
of the
SEVENTH SESSION
of the
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
when convened with
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Decatur, Alabama

October 13 - 14 1972

OFFICERS 1972 - 1973

MODERATOR.....Rev. A. J. Looper
Route 3, Box 66, Hartselle, Alabama 35640

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.....Br. Paul Jones
Route 2, Box 8, Falkville, Alabama 35622

CLERK-TREASURER.....Mrs. Myrna Montgomery
Route 3, Box 23, Madison, Alabama 35758

ASSISTANT-CLERK.....Br. Harold Goode
711 Barclift Street, Hartselle, Alabama 35640

The next session of this Association will convene with Cedar Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Hartselle, Alabama on October 12-13, 1973.

OCTOBER 13 - 14 1972

The Seventh session of the North Alabama Association of Freewill Baptist met with the First Freewill Baptist Church at Decatur, Alabama. The second ministers and deacons conference of the Association met Friday night.

Officers were elected and conference set in order.
Officers for the year 1972-1973 are:

MODERATOR - Rev. Ronald Edgil
ASSISTANT MODERATOR - Bro. Glen Stover
CLERK-TREASURER - Bro. Roy Houston
ASSISTANT CLERK - Bro. Don Rohrsechrib

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful message by Rev. Stanley Outlaw from the Bible College.

Motion made and second that we offer the following resolution.
Be it resolved that we are opposed to the wet issue that is coming up for a vote in Morgan County. Letters will be sent out to let them know the stand we take.

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.

Meeting opened with Congregational singing led by Bro. Paul Jones and prayer led by Rev. Floyd Barber. Devotion by Rev. Buddy Biggs. Text Psalm 84. Welcome given by Bro. James Raines. Response by Bro. Walter Craig. Moderator called the meeting to order then the visitors were welcomed to seat with us.

They were Rev. Floyd Barber from Red Bay Freewill Baptist Church and Bro. Chester Odonell from Liberty #2 Association.

Credentials Committee Appointed:

Rev. Ronald Edgil, chairman
Bro. Walter Lowery
Bro. Don Rohrscherib

Congregational singing led by Bro. Coleman Holmes. Intermission was taken to give the Credentials Committee time to meet. After a short intermission, the meeting was resumed with congregational singing and prayer. The Credentials Committee reported they found all letters in order.

Rev. Ronald Edgil, Chairman

Delegates were seated and welcomed by the moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted also.

Business Committee Appointed.

Rev. A. J. Looper - Chairman
Bro. Harold Goode -
Bro. Robert Tucker -

Obituary Committee Appointed

Rev. Ray Ritch - Chairman
Bro. Coleman Holmes
Bro. James Raines

The Congregation sang "Look and Live" and "Send a Great Revival in my Soul" led by Bro. Paul Jones. Special Music was presented by Rev. Ray Ritch. The morning message by Rev. A. J. Looper using 2nd. Timothy 2-15 as his text.

AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch by the host church, the congregation reassembled with singing led by Bro. Coleman Holmes.

Devotion by Bro. Harold Goode using Gen. 1-2 as his text. The Obituary Committee reported two deaths, they were Sister Novellah Fretwell of Cave Springs and Bro. Herman Terry of Decatur. The congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these. Credentials Committee Report: Motion made and second that we send letters of recommendation to Rev. E. B. Ledlow of the Cumberland Association, Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. Jerry Chaney of the Pine Level Freewill Baptist Church, Chester, Georgia.

Report of Resolution of Business Committee

1. We recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee to set up rules or guidelines for ordination.
2. We recommend that the Moderator of the Association serve the quarterly meeting also, which will include Clerk-Treasurer.
3. We recommend clerk to notify the Pastor of all happenings in the Association.
4. We recommend all pastors turn in annual report to the Association to be placed in the minutes.
5. We recommend that Association have a nominating committee for nominees.
6. We recommend that the treasurer's report be placed in the minutes.

Motion made and second that we adopt all resolutions.

Committee appointed to set up rules or guidelines for ordination.

Rev. Ronald Edgil - Chairman
Rev. A. J. Looper
Rev. Buddy Biggs
Rev. Ray Ritch

Nominating Committee appointed:

Rev. Ray Ritch - Chairman
Bro. Harold Goode
Bro. Billy Pitts

RESOLUTION:

We the North Alabama Association of Freewill Baptist representing churches in Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan Counties offer the following resolution:

Be it resolved that we are opposed to the wet issue that is coming up for a vote in Morgan County. Be it further resolved that the cost, hurt and moral issues of the county going wet we are opposed to.

Rev. Ray Ritch, Clerk of the State Association, gave everyone an invitation to attend the State Association.

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

Sister Alice Barkley
Sister Myrna Montgomery

Officers elected for the year 1972-1973 -

MODERATOR

Rev. A. J. Looper
Route 3, Box 66
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Bro. Paul Jones
Route 2, Box 8
Falkville, Alabama 35622

CLERK-TREASURER

Mrs. Myrna Montgomery
Route 2, Box 23
Madison, Alabama 35758

ASSISTANT CLERK

Bro. Harold Goode
711 Barclift St.
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Quarterly Meeting Year 1973

January 27, 1973
Maple Grove Freewill Baptist Church
Madison, Alabama

April 28, 1973
Cave Springs Freewill Baptist Church
Town Creek, Alabama

July 28, 1973
Laodecia Freewill Baptist Church
Hanceville, Alabama

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October 12-13, 1973

REV. JULIAN L. PARSONS, Moderator

MRS. MYRNA MONTGOMERY, Clerk

CHURCH

Cave Springs
Town Creek

Cedar Creek
Hartselle, Ala.

First Freewill Baptist
Decatur, Ala.

Laodecia
Hanceville, Ala.

Maple Grove
Madison, Ala.

PASTOR

Rev. Ronald Edgil
Route 1
Town Creek, Ala.

Rev. A. J. Looper
Route 3, Box 66
Hartselle, Ala. 35640

Rev. Rudy Shankel
809 Westwood Dr. S.W.
Decatur, Ala. 35601

Rev. Buddy Biggs
Route 2, Box 172
Athens, Ala. 35611

Rev. Ray Ritch
724 12th Ave. West
Birmingham, Ala. 35204

CLERK

Don Landers
617 4th Ave. S.W.
Decatur, Ala. 35601

Gayle Turrentine
Route 3
Hartselle, Ala. 35640

Mrs. Inez Jones
Route 2, Box 8
Falkville, Ala. 35622

Mrs. Ruth Headrick
1301 Bruner St.
Cullman, Ala.

Mrs. Myrna Montgomery
Route 2, Box 23
Madison, Ala. 35758

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance -----Nov. 1, 1971	\$ 31.37
Dues Received from Churches represented	100.00
Total Receipts-----	\$131.37

Paid Out:	
State Association Dues	\$ 25.00
Total Disbursements	25.00
Balance October 30, 1972	\$106.37

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Buddy Biggs
Route 2, Box 172
Athens, Alabama 35611

Rev. Ronald Edgil
Route 1
Town Creek, Alabama

Rev. A. J. Looper
Route 3, Box 66
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

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

Rev. Ray Ritch
724 12th Ave. West
Birmingham, Alabama 35204

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

Rev. J. Malone Cobb

Rev. James Bussey
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Rev. Blaine Bishop

ORDAINED DEACONS

Cave Springs - Town Creek
Roy Houston, Harold Fretwell, Louis Anderton, Hubert Blankenship, Bob Landers

Cedar Creek - Hartselle
Willie B. Foote, Coleman, Holmes, Glen Stover

First Freewill Baptist - Decatur
James Raines, Don Rohrscherib, Harvey Welborn, Paul Jones, D. C. Kennedy

Laodecia - Hanceville
Lee Headrick

Maple Grove- Madison
Walter Lowery, U.G. Lowery, Otis Lowery, Walter Craig, Kenneth Ritch

Inactive Deacons

Cedar Creek - Albert Henry, Luthur 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 VII

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.

CHURCH	NO. MEMBERS	NO. ORDAINED MINISTERS	NO. LICENCED MINISTERS	NO. ORDAINED DEACONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT	PAID PASTORS	PAID EVANGELIST	BUILDING REPAIR	LITERATURE	OTHER
Cave Springs	110	2	2	7	67	50	4,430.00	280.00	933.28	519.11	4135.61
Cedar Creek	199	1		2	80	60	5,165.80	893.58	2074.03	668.90	4125.67
First Freewill Baptist	127	2		5	86	12	3,752.00	200.00		218.14	700.00
LAODECIA	40	1		1	40		758.40	100.00		24.20	
Maple Grove	85	1		5	56	12	4,325.00	646.34	2633.35	322.25	818.02
TOTALS	561	7	2	20	333	110	18,431.20	2,119.92	5640.66	1752.60	9779.30

	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	EDUCATION	CHILDREN'S HOME	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	VALUE OF PARSONAGE PROPERTY
Cave Springs	127.34	127.34	127.34	127.34	10,934.70	35,000	19,500
Cedar Creek	366.17	1220.44	390.33		15,169.24	25,000	12,000
First Freewill Baptist	201.00	198.00	67.00		4,914.14	140,000	30,000
LAODECIA	166.00	6.00		2.00	1,084.91	25,000	
Maple Grove		312.18		100.00	9,307.14	25,000	
TOTAL	860.51	1,863.96	584.67	229.34	41,510.13	350,000	61,500