

**North Alabama
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**



MINUTES 1974

MINUTES
of the
EIGHTH SESSION
of the
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
WHEN CONVENED WITH
CEDAR CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
HARTSELLE, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 12 - 13, 1973

OFFICERS 1973 - 1974

MODERATOR.....Bro. Paul Jones
Route 2, Box 8, Falkville, Ala. 35622

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.....Rev. Phil Kimbrough
Route 3, Box 66, Hartselle, Ala. 35640

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

ASSISTANT-CLERK.....Mr. Billy Pitt
Route 4, Hartselle, Ala. 35640

The next session of this Association will convene with Oaodecia Free Will Baptist Church, Hanceville, Alabama on October 11-12, 1974.

OCTOBER 12-13, 1973

The Eighth session of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists met with Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church at Hartselle, Alabama. The Third Ministers and Deacons conference of the Association met Friday night.

Ministers and Deacons Meeting

Moderator.....Bro. Glen Stover

Clerk.....Bro. Don Rhorsechrib

The Third session of the ministers and deacons meeting opened with Bro. Paul Jones leading the congregation in singing "At the Cross". Bro. Billy Pitt led in Prayer. Bro. Jones led in singing "Glory to His Name". Bro. Glen Stover brought the devotion using John 18: 37-40; Bro. Jones led in Prayer.

Bro. Jones led in singing "I'm Redemmed" and "I am Thine on Lord". Bro. Bill Hampton (Deacon) brought the message on "Shined, Flomed and Burned for God" using Hebrews 1: 4-7. Bro. Ray Ritch dismissed in Prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.

We convened with Bro. Holmes leading "Savior like a Shepherd". Bro. Wisdom led in Prayer. Bro. Holmes led in singing "He keeps one Singing". Bro. Anders brought the Devotion using 1st. Corinthians 10: 1-13. Prayer led by the Speaker. Association called to order by Bro. Paul Jones. Bro. Phil Kimbrough gave the welcome. Response by Bro. Paul Jones. Bro. Jones appointed the Credential Committee.

Bro. Albert Henry, Chairman
Bro. Charles Wisdom
Bro. Walter Craig

Request for Altar Prayer was offered for our Churches, our Association and the Christian People. Bro. Jones led in Prayer. Bro. Holmes led in singing "He Lives".

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters and have found them in order and recommend the seating of the delegates. Visitors were seated. Bro. Albert Henry, Chairman

Cedar Creek and Laodecia had letters of request that Rev. Phil Kimbrough and Rev. Charles Wisdom be examined for Membership into the North Alabama Association.

Reading of last meeting minutes was omitted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Committee were appointed:

Presptery Committee:
Rev. Ray Ritch, Chairman
Bro. Albert Henry
Bro. Jim Raines
Bro. Lee Headrick
Bro. Coleman Holmes

Nominating Committee
Bro. Glen Stover, Chairman
Bro. Walter Craig
Bro. Walter Lavery

Business Committee:
Bro. Billy Pitt, Chairman
Bro. Joe Aldridge
Bro. Dolon

Obituary Committee:
Sister Alice Barkley
Sister Cozy Holmes
Bro. Headrick
Bro. Arlie Griffin

Bro. Jones read the letter of appreciation from Bro. Paramore for the money received from the Walk-a-thon.

Bro. Ray Ritch gave everyone an invitation to attend the State Association. This was received as information. Bro. Holmes led in singing "Send a Great Revival in My Soul" and "Face to Face". Bro. Ralph Tucker brought the morning Message on "The Power of the Gospel", using Romans 1-16. Bro. Holmes led in prayer.

AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch which was enjoyed by all we convened with Bro. Holmes leading the congregation in another song. Bro. Archie Lee Harris led in Prayer.

Afternoon Business

It was Moved and Seconded that we send a letter of recommendation to Bro. A. J. Looper, who has united with the Stone Association.

Report of Committees:

We the Presbytery Committee have examined Bro. Phil Kimbrough and Bro. Charles Wisdom and recommed that they be received into the North Alabama Association pending letters of recommendation from their former associations.

Rev. Ray Ritch, Chairman

We the Business Committee recommend that this Association accept the National Letter Forms now being used for reasons stipulated in the National Association letter dated August 27, 1973.

Bro. Billy Pitt, Chairman

We the Nominating Commettee wish to submit the following slate of officers. Moderator, Bro. Paul Jones; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Phil Kimbrough; Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Myrna Montgomery; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Billy Pitt. Motion Seconded and Carried.

Bro. Gleen Stover, Chairman

The Obituary Committee reported four deaths: Mrs. Lillie Pruitt from Cedar Creek, Mr. John Paul Hudson from Oaodecia, Mrs. Mabel Lowery and Mrs. Willie Bell Brooks from Maple Grove. The congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these deceased members.

Officers elected for the year 1973-1974

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

Assistant Moderator
Rev. Phil Kimbrough
Route 3, Box 66
Hartselle, Alabama

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

Assistant Clerk
Bro. Billy Pitt
Route 4
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Quarterly Meetings year 1974

Maple Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Madison, Alabama
January 26, 1974

First Free Will Baptist
Decatur, Alabama
April 27, 1974

Cedar Creek
Hartselle, Alabama
July 27, 1974

The next session of this Association will convene with Laodecia Free Will Baptist Church, Hanceville, Alabama

October 11-12, 1974

Bro. Paul Jones, Moderator

Mrs. Myrna Montgomery, Clerk

CHURCH

Cedar Creek
Hartselle, Alabama

First Free Will
Baptist
Decatur, Ala.

Laodecia
Hanceville, Ala

Maple Grove
Madison, Ala.

PASTOR

Rev. Phil Kimbrough
Route 3, Box 66
Hartselle, Ala. 35640

Rev. John Edwards
809 Westwood Dr. SW
Decatur, Ala. 35601

Rev. Charles Wisdom
P.O. Box 15
Hayden, Ala.

Rev. Ray Ritch
717 West Cedar Cove Cr.
Birmingham, Ala. 35214

CLERK

Gayle Turrentine
Route 3
Hartselle, Ala.

Mrs. Inez Jones
Route 2, Box 8
Hartselle, Ala.

Mrs. Ruth Headrick
1301 Bruner St
Cullman, Ala.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance-----September 30, 1972	97.44
Dues Received	60.00
Total Receipts	157.44

PAID OUT:	
State Association	20.00
National Association (Church Letter)	1.00
Hughes Drug Store (Stamps, envelopes and program covers.)	5.44
Total Paid Outs	26.44

Balance September 30, 1973	\$131.00
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ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Phil Kimbrough
Route 3, Box 66
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Rev. John Edwards
809 Westwood Dr. SW
Decatur, Alabama 35601

Rev. Julian Parsons
1303 16th Ave. SE
Decatur, Alabama 35601

Rev. Ray Ritch
717 West Cedar Cove Circle
Birmingham, Alabama 35214

Rev. Charles Wisdom
P.O. Box 15
Hayden, Alabama 35079

Rev. James Bussey
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

ORDAINED DEACONS

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

First Free Will Baptist, Decatur, Alabama
Paul Jones, D. C. Kennedy, Don Robrschireb, James Raines

Laodecia, Hanceville, Alabama
Lee Headrick

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

INACTIVE DEACONS

Cedar Creek
Albert Henry, Luther Holmes, Bud Hill

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Ordained Ministers</u>	<u>Licensed Ministers</u>	<u>Ordained Deacons</u>	<u>Sun. School Enrollment</u>	<u>CTS Enrollment</u>	<u>Women's Auxiliary</u>	<u>Paid Pastor</u>	<u>Paid Evangelist</u>	<u>Building & Repair</u>	<u>Literature</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Local Expenditures</u>
Cedar Creek	124	1	0	3	100	70	14	\$ 5,944.50	\$ 134.35	\$1,257.22	\$ 836.64	\$5,646.28	\$ 13,818.99
First Freewill Baptist-Decatur	140	2	0	5	76	0	12	\$ 4,610.00	\$ 157.00	0	\$ 291.65	\$1,646.02	\$ 6,704.67
Laodecia	45	1	0	1	40	0	0	\$ 1,691.78	\$ 255.00	\$1,586.94	\$ 86.61	\$ 555.78	\$ 4,176.11
Maple Grove	<u>89</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>\$ 5,399.00</u>	<u>\$ 360.00</u>	<u>\$ 892.33</u>	<u>\$ 244.24</u>	<u>\$2,145.97</u>	<u>\$ 9,041.54</u>
TOTALS	398	5	0	14	293	70	38	\$17,645.28	\$ 906.35	\$3,736.49	\$ 1,459.14	\$9,994.05	\$ 33,741.31

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Cooperative Plan</u>	<u>Foreign Missions</u>	<u>Nat'l State & Local Home Miss</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Children's Home</u>	<u>Superannuation</u>	<u>Associational Projects</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Outside Expenditures</u>	<u>Value of Church Property</u>	<u>Value of Parsonages</u>
Cedar Creek	0	\$ 427.42	\$ 525.26	\$ 836.19	\$ 378.71	0	0	0	\$ 2,167.58	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 16,500.00
First Freewill Baptist-Decatur	0	\$ 23.65	\$ 101.90	\$ 128.56	0	0	0	0	\$ 254.11	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Laodecia	\$ 433.43	\$ 350.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 193.40	\$ 4.00	0	0	\$ 1,046.86	\$ 25,000.00	0
Maple Grove	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 88.80</u>	<u>\$ 501.35</u>	<u>\$ 227.00</u>	<u>\$ 175.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 1,092.15</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	\$ 433.43	\$ 889.87	\$1,140.51	\$1,245.75	\$ 747.11	\$104.00	0	0	\$ 4,560.70	\$ 230,000.00	\$465,000.00

Delegates elected to represent the North Alabama Association to the State Association:

Those elected were:
Sister Alice Barkley
Bro. Billy Pitt
Sister Myrna Montgomery
Sister Inez Jones, Alternate

Bro. Jones urged each church to attend the Youth Rally.

Bro. Coleman Holmes asked each one to visit the Children's Home and to try to contribute what they could to the home.

Bro. Archie Lee Harris from Cullman Church asked that this Association visit his church and try to get his congregation interested in joining our Association, and he ask that we remember his church in prayer.

The Quarterly Meeting will meet January 26, 1974 at Maple Grove Church, Madison, Alabama.

Rev. Phil Kimbrough led the closing prayer.

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.

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.