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WHEN CONVENED IN
Hanceville, Alabama
At the
Laodecia Free Will Baptist Church
OCTOBER 24-25, 1975

1975-76 OFFICERS

MODERATOR Rev. Phil Kimbrough
Route 3, Box 71, Hartselle, Alabama 35640

ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. Archie Lee Harris
1627 2nd Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055

CLERK-TREASURER Mr. Harold Goode
711 Barclift Street, Hartselle, Alabama 35640

ASSISTANT-CLERK Mrs. Myrna Montgomery
Route 2, Box 16, Madison, Alabama 35758

* The 1976 session of this association will convene with Maple Grove, Free Will Baptist Church, Madison, Alabama on January 31, 1976.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

The tenth session of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Laodecia Free Will Baptist Church at Hanceville, Alabama.

The fifth Ministers and Deacons conference met Friday night. The session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Marion Atkins. The opening song was "At Calvary", followed by "I'm Going That Way".

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Coleman Holmes. Bro. Holmes also gave the welcome.

Bro. Paul Jones read Acts 5:26, 42: Prayed and then brought the Devotion using the thought that "We Ought To Obey God Rather Than Man".

Rev. Archie Lee Harris brought the message using Acts 20:28 as his text, with the thought, "Feeding the Flock".

An offering was received.

The election of officers was hold with the following men being elected:

MODERATOR - Bro. Paul Jones

CLERK-TREASURER - Bro. Bill Goodwin

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Bro. Coleman Holmes led in the closing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.

We convened with Bro. Paul Jones leading, "I Feel Like Traveling On", with Carolyn Knox at the piano. Bro. Charles Lindsey led "Come Unto Me". The morning devotion was given by Rev. Phil Kimbrough. His text was Acts, Chapter 28. Rev. Kimbrough concluded his devotion with prayer.

Moderator, Rev. John Edwards called this session to order. The welcome was given by Rev. Odie Curvin. The response was given by the moderator.

The Committees were appointed as follows:

The Credentials Committee:

Sister Inez Jones - Chairman
Sister Alice Barkley
Bro. Harvey Wisdom
Bro. Rayburn Sweatman
Bro. Don Rohrschieb

The Presbytery Committee:

Rev. Phil Kimbrough - Chairman
Rev. Archie Lee Harris
Rev. Odie Curvin
Rev. Kenneth Terry
Bro. Paul Jones

The Business Committee:

Bro. Marion Atkins - Chairman
Bro. Oliver Bowling
Bro. Arthur Knox

The Nominating Committee:

Bro. Bill Goodwin
Bro. Don Rohrschieb
Bro. Harvey Wisdom

The Obituary Committee:

Sister Leola Alexander
Sister Betty Goode
Sister Carolyn Knox

The moderator dismissed for a ten minute break. We reconvened by singing, "Grace For Every Need".

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials committee have examined the letters from each church and found them in order and recommend that they be received and the delegates seated.

Maple Grove Church requested that Rev. Roger Hood's credentials be ratified and that he be accepted into the North Alabama Association as an ordained Minister. Motion, seconded and carried.

Bro. Charles Lindsey, a member of the Cullman Church requested that his credentials be ratified and that he be accepted into the North Alabama Association as an ordained Minister. Motion, seconded and carried.

The minutes were read and accepted as read.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

Bro. Paul Jones led the congregation in singing, "Land Where Living Waters Flow".

Rev. Odie Curvin prayed the blessing on the offering received. \$33.97

Sister Carolyn Knox sang, "Wonderful Peace".

Rev. Roger Hood brought the morning message, using Romans, Chapter 12 as his text with the thought, "Preachers holding themselves up too high". Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Lee Headrick led in prayer and returned thanks for the noon meal.

A DELICIOUS MEAL WAS SERVED BY THE HOST CHURCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened with "Let Us Have a Little Talk With Jesus". Bro. Don Rohrschieb led in prayer, then we sang, "The Land of Perfect Day".

The Marion Atkins and Carolyn Knox sang a special, "We'll All Live Together in Hallelujah Square".

Rev. Kenneth Terry brought the evening devotion using Matthew Chapter 5 as his text with the thought, "Let Your Light Shine". Prayer by the speaker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Presbytery:

We, the Presbytery Committee recommend that Bro. Charles Lindsey have his ordination ratified into the North Alabama Association from the Flint River Association and be received in full fellowship as a Minister of the Gospel. Motion, seconded and carried.

We recommend that Rev. Roger Hood have his ordination ratified into the North Alabama Association from the Flint River Association and be received in full fellowship as a Minister of the Gospel. Motion, seconded and carried.

Obituary:

We, the Obituary Committee report the following deaths.
Maple Grove Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Walter Lowery
Sister Mary Lowery
Sister Letha Mitchell
Sister Estelle Craig

First Free Will Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama
Sister Lue Freeman

Laodecia Free Will Baptist Church, Hanceville, Alabama
Bro. Tom Eubanks
Sister Annie Gamble
Sister Dovie Hudson

Motion, seconded and carried to receive this report as information and have silent prayer in memory of same.

Nominating:

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following officers.

Moderator: Rev. Phil Kimbrough

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Archie Lee Harris

Clerk-Treasurer: Bro. Paul Jones

Assistant Clerk: Sister Myrna Montgomery

Bro. Paul Jones declined, Bro. Harold Goode recommended.
Motion, seconded and carried.

Delegates appointed to State Association

Maple Grove — Sister Myrna Montgomery — Sister Alice Barkley — Sister Helen Lowery

Decatur — Bro. Harold Goode — Bro. James Hartley

Laodecia — Bro. and Sister Marion Atkins — Sister Leola Alexander

Bro. Harvey Wisdom commented on the youth camp.

Rev. John Edwards asked each church to participate in the Youth Rally.

Bro. Paul Jones requested that the offering received, \$33.97 be given to Rev. Roger Hood. Motion, seconded and carried.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

January 31, 1976 Maple Grove - Madison, Alabama
April 24, 1976 Midway - Hanceville, Alabama
July 31, 1976 Cedar Creek - Hartselle, Alabama
October 30, 1976 Cullman - Cullman, Alabama

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. Kenneth Terry.

Moderator, John Edwards
Clerk, Harold Goode

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

Rev. Phil Kimbrough
Route 3, Box 71
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Rev. Archie L. Harris
1627 - 2nd Avenue, NW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Rev. Roger Hood
402 Martin Street
Madison, Alabama 35758

Rev. Kenneth Terry
Route 2, Box 112A
Blountsville, Alabama 35031

Rev. Odie Curvin
Route 2, Box 124A
Blountsville, Alabama 35051

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

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

Rev. Charles Lindsey
Route 3, Box 315
Falkville, Alabama 35622

ORDAINED DEACONS

Cedar Creek

Coleman Holmes
Route 3
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Albert L. Henry
Route 1
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Glen Stover
303 Longhorn Pass
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Cullman.

Billy W. Goodwin
Route 13, Box 294
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Donald L. Rohrschieb
Route 2
Vinemont, Alabama 35179

James Owen
Route 12, Box 105
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Delbert Lindsey
Route 1, Box 89A
Falkville, Alabama 35622

Paul Jones
Route 2, Box 8
Falkville, Alabama 35622

James Raines
606 Hartung Street, SW
Decatur, Alabama 35601

Lee Headrick
1301 Brunner Street
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Otis Lowery
Church Street
Madison, Alabama 35758

Walter Craig
Mill Road
Madison, Alabama 35758

U. G. Lowery
Route 2
Madison, Alabama 35758

Charles Pennington
Route 6, Box 306
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

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Church	Co-op Plan	Foreign Missions	National & Home Miss.	Education	Children's Home	Superannuation	Asst. Proj.	Other	Total Outside Exp.	Value of Church P.	Value of Pars.
Cedar Creek	10%	\$365.22	\$405.82	0	\$116.22	0	0	0	\$1,552.48	\$40,000	\$16,500
First Free Will Baptist Cullman	\$100	0	\$120.25	0	0	0	0	0	\$120.75	\$65,000	None
First Free Will Baptist Decatur	0	0	\$28.18	0	0	0	0	0	\$28.18	\$140,000	\$30,000
Laodecia	0	\$20.00	\$20.00	0	\$242.67	0	0	0	\$282.67	\$25,000	None
Maple Grove	\$30	0	\$150.00	0	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$31.00	0	\$366.00	\$40,000	None
Midway	0	0	\$145.54	0	0	0	0	0	\$145.54	\$18,000	None

Church	Number of Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	S. S. Enr.	CTS Enr.	Woman's Aux.	Paid Pastor
Cedar Creek	107	1	0	3	80	50	11	\$5,980.00
First Free Will Baptist Cullman	76	2	1	4	60	50	10	\$4,969.89
First Free Will Baptist Decatur	186	2	0	2	125	55	11	
Laodecia	49	2	0	1	40	0	0	\$1,963.05
Maple Grove	77	1	0	3	60	12	12	\$4,350.00
Midway	66	1	0	1	40	0	9	\$579.00

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Cedar Creek Hartselle, AL	Rev. Phil Kimbrough Route 3, Box 71 Hartselle, AL 35640	Gayle Turrentine Route 3 Hartselle, AL 35640
First Free Will Baptist Cullman, AL	Rev. Archie L. Harris 1627 - 2nd Ave., NW Cullman, AL 35055	Jane Lindsey Route 1, Box 89A Falkville, AL 35622
First Free Will Baptist Decatur, AL	Rev. John Edwards 809 Westwood Dr., SW Decatur, AL 35601	Inez Jones Route 2, Box 8 Falkville, AL 35622
Laodecia Hanceville, AL	Rev. Odie Curvin Route 2, Box 124A Blountsville, AL 35051	Betty Stanley Box 184 Hanceville, AL 35077
Maple Grove Madison, AL	Rev. Roger Hood 402 Martin Street Madison, AL 35758	Myrna Montgomery Route 2, Box 16 Madison, AL 35758
Midway Hanceville, AL	Rev. Kenneth Terry Route 2, Box 112A Blountsville, AL 35031	James Hestla Route 6 Hanceville, AL 35077

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$121.97
Dues received	90.00
Total Receipts	\$211.97
 Paid Out: State Association	 \$30.00
Balance	\$181.97

GUIDE LINES FOR ORDINATION

- I. This Association ordains no man that has more than one living wife; nor a man whose wife has more than one living husband.
- II. This Association ordains no one to preach the Gospel until he carries a license for one year unless he is called to pastorate.
- III. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe fully the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
- IV. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe and practice tithing.
- V. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.
- VI. This Association will not ordain women to preach the Gospel.
- VII. This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with the World Council of Churches.
- VIII. This Association will not ordain any one with a bad character with them that are without.
- IX. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe and practice the ordinances of the Church.
 - A. Baptism by immersion
 - B. Communion (open)
 - C. Feet Washing
- X. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

MINISTERIAL DISCIPLINE

Whereas,
The Bible teaches the manner in which a minister should be disciplined;
and

Whereas,
The Free Will Baptist Treatise clearly outlines the procedure for disciplinary action concerning one of our ministers; and

Whereas,
Our churches and district association tend to be lax in following the Biblical principles and the guidelines set forth in the Treatise in properly disciplining ministers whose character is called into question; and

Whereas,
This brings reproach on the name of Christ and our denomination

Be it resolved:

1. That our churches be requested to follow the Scriptures and the Treatise when any need for discipline arises.
2. That churches exercise wisdom in calling a pastor by properly investigating him.
3. That associations carefully check the credentials of ministers who transfer from another association before receiving a minister into fellowship.
4. That each district association be requested to publish in their state association paper the names of any ministers whose credentials have been revoked.

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 the fourth Saturday 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 peity, 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.

