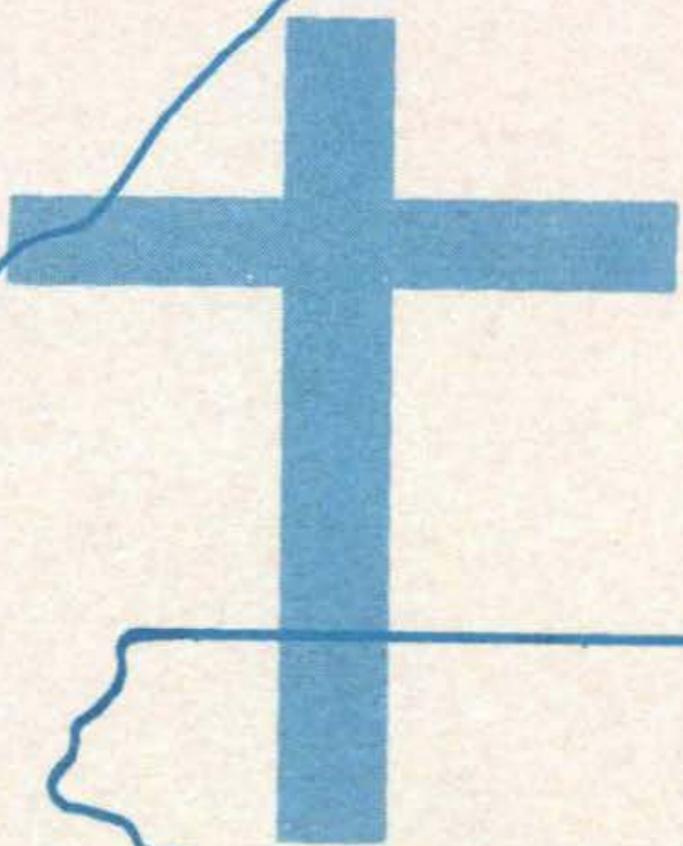


**NORTH ALABAMA  
ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**



**MINUTES 1977**



The 36th meeting of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists met January 29, 1977 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur, Alabama.

The meeting opened with congregation singing, "Heavenly Sunlight", led by Bro. Paul Jones. Prayer by Rev. Jim Wheeler.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Phil Kimbrough using 1st Peter 2, 9 thru 24 as his text.

The meeting was called order by the moderator, Rev. Kenneth Terry.

The welcome was given by Rev. John Edwards as pastor of the host church.

The response was given by Rev. Kenneth Terry for the Midway Church, Rev. Phil Kimbrough for the Cedar Creek Church, Rev. Jim Wheeler for Maple Grove Church, Bro. Lee Headrick for the Laodecia Church, Rev. Melvin Hunter for the Cullman Church and Rev. John Edwards for the Decatur Church.

There were no visitors.

The Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee.

Bro. Arthur Knox - Chairman

Bro. Arlie Griffus

Sister Myrna Montgomery

The Church letters were received.

The Moderator appointed a Presbytery Committee.

Rev. John Edwards - Chairman

Rev. Phil Kimbrough

Bro. Charles Pennington

Bro. Lee Headrick

Rev. Melvin Hunter

After an intermission, the meeting was declared back in session.

Bro. Paul Jones led the congregation in singing, "Joy Unspeakable".

The Credentials Committee report was given:

"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 be seated."

The Maple Grove Church requests that Rev. James Wheeler's credentials be ratified and he be accepted into the North Alabama Association pending a letter from his Association.

Bro. Arthur Knox - Chairman

Bro. Arlie Griffus

Sister Myrna Montgomery

The Delegates were seated.

The Moderator appointed a Business Committee.

Rev. Bill Goodwin - Chairman

Bro. Jim Raines

Bro. Walter Franks

An offering was received of \$36.39.

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

Presbytery Committee report:

"We, the Presbytery Committee, have met and recommend the following: That Rev. James Wheeler's credentials be ratified and that he be accepted into the North Alabama Association. Voted on and accepted."

The Morning Message was given by Rev. Melvin Hunter using 1st Samuel 17, 32 thru 51 as his text.

Bro. Paul Jones led the congregation in singing "Whosoever Meaneth Me".

Rev. John Edwards announced The Ministers and Workers Conference at Guin, Alabama February 14-16. He also prayed the blessing on the food.

After a wonderful lunch served by the host church, the congregation re-assembled with Bro. Paul Jones leading, "The Lily of the Valley".

Prayer by Bro. Arlie Griffus.

The afternoon devotion was given by Bro. Jr. Burnham using 2nd Kings 5, 4 thru 6 as his text.

Rev. John Edwards led the Ordination Service for Rev. Jim Wheeler using 1st Timothy 3, 1 thru 7. Rev. Edwards gave the charge to both Rev. and Sister Wheeler. There was the laying of hands and the Prayer of Ordination by Rev. Kenneth Terry. The Charge was given by Rev. Phil Kimbrough. Rev. Melvin Hunter presented the Certificate of Ordination.

**Announcements:**

Singing at Maple Grove February 27

Youth Rally 3rd Saturday night at Decatur

We adjourned with a rising vote of thanks to the host church, singing "Amazing Grace" with the right hand of Christian Fellowship.

The 37th meeting of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists met April 30, 1977 at Laodecia Free Will Baptist Church of Hanceville, Alabama.

The meeting opened with congregation singing "Amazing Grace", led by Bro. Marion Atkins. Prayer by Bro. Charles Pennington. Another song "My Faith Looks Up To Thee".

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Charles Pennington in the absence of Rev. Wheeler. His text was from John, Chapter 10, verses 1 thru 9.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Terry.

The welcome was given by Bro. Lee Headrick.

The response was given by Rev. Phil Kimbrough from Cedar Creek, Rev. John Edwards from Decatur, Rev. James Wheeler from Maple Grove, Rev. Melvin Hunter from Cullman, Bro. Charles Pennington from Midway.

There were no visitors.

The Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee.

Bro. Paul Jones - Chairman

Rev. Melvin Hunter

Bro. Charles Pennington

After an intermission, the meeting was declared back in session.

Bro. Marion Atkins led the congregation in singing, "More About Jesus".

The Credentials Committee report was given:

"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 be seated".

The Decatur Church requests that Rev. Clyde Shankle's credentials be ratified and he be accepted into the North Alabama Association.

Bro. Paul Jones - Chairman

Rev. Melvin Hunter

Bro. Charles Pennington

The Delegates were seated.

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

An offering of \$23.12 was received with Bro. Paul Jones praying the blessing on the offering.

The Moderator appointed a Presbytery Committee.

Rev. John Edwards - Chairman

Rev. Jim Wheeler

Rev. Phil Kimbrough

Rev. Melvin Hunter

Bro. Lee Headrick

The Moderator appointed a Business Committee.

Bro. Marion Atkins - Chairman

Bro. Charles Pennington

Bro. Stringer

The Morning Message was brought by Rev. Phil Kimbrough using Proverbs 29-18. Thought, "We Need A Vision". Prayer by Speaker.

**Announcements:**

Revival at Cedar Creek May 19, 20, and 21. Youth Rally on Saturday night.

Singing at Maple Grove Sunday, May 1.

Bro. Phil Kimbrough announced State T. T. Rally in Birmingham June 3-4.

Vacation Bible School at Midway June 16.

Bro. Lee Headrick prayed the Blessing on the food.

After a wonderful lunch served by the host church, the congregation re-assembled with Bro. Marion Atkins leading "Blest Be The Tie".

Prayer by Bro. Lee Headrick. Another song "Victory In Jesus".

The afternoon devotion was given by Rev. James Wheeler. He gave his personal testimony.

There was no Business reports.

The Presbytery Committee report.

"We, the Presbytery Committee, have met and questioned Rev. Clyde Shankle and recommend that we ratify his Ordination from South Georgia Association to the North Alabama Association and receive him as a member of our Association.

Rev. Shankle and wife gave their personal testimony.

A vote of thanks was given to the host Church for the food and hospitality.

The next session will meet July 30 at Maple Grove Church.

Rev. Melvin Hunter prayed the closing prayer.

The 38th meeting of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists met July 30, 1977 at the Maple Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "The Old Account Was Settled" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There" led by Bro. Curtis Dolan. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Hunter.

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Lee Headrick in the absence of Rev. Odie Curvin. His text was from Acts, Chapter 5, verses 17 thru 32.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Kenneth Terry.

The welcome was given by Rev. James Wheeler.

The response was given by Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Bro. Lee Headrick, Bro. Charles Pennington and Rev. Melvin Hunter as a member of the Cullman Church.

There were no visitors.

The Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee.

Bro. Arthur Knox - Chairman

Bro. Curtis Dolan

Rev. Clyde Shankle

The Church Letters were received.

After an intermission, the meeting was declared back in session.

Bro. Curtis Dolan led the congregation in singing, "The Glory Land Way".

The Credentials Committee report was given:

"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 be seated".

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

The Moderator appointed a Business Committee.

Rev. Melvin Hunter - Chairman

Bro. Arlie Griffus

Bro. Bud Hill

An offering of \$27.09 was received.

Bro. Curtis Dolan led the congregation in singing, "I Am Thine Oh Lord", "Take The Name of Jesus With You", and "I Feel Like Traveling On".

The Morning Message was brought by Rev. John Edwards using Joshua, Chapter 24, verses 14 thru 25. Invitation Hymn led by Bro Curtis Dolan, "Only Trust Him". Altar prayer led by Rev. Phil Kimbrough.

Rev. James Wheeler prayed the blessing on the food.

After a wonderful lunch served by the host church, the congregation re-assembled with Bro. Curtis Dolan leading, "I'll Fly Away", and "Living by Faith".

Prayer by Bro. Bud Hill.

The afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Clyde Shankle using 1st John, Chapter 5, verses 10 thru 15.

There was no business to report.

Rev. James Wheeler said he would build a Bible Bowl Machine for the Association if the Association would reimburse him. Rev. Phil agreed this needs to be done to work with the Youth especially at Youth Rallies.

A rising vote of Thanks was given to the host church for the food and hospitality.

Announcements:

Revival at Laodecia August 7 thru August 12.

Revival at Cedar Creek August 28 thru September 2.

All day service at Midway July 31.

Visit Maple Grove tonight - last day of Revival with Rev. Melvin Hunter.

Bro. Arlie Griffus prayed the closing prayer.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
WHEN CONVENED IN  
Hanceville, Alabama  
At the  
Midway Free Will Baptist Church  
OCTOBER 28, 29, 1977

1977-78 OFFICERS

MODERATOR . . . . . Rev. Bill Goodwin  
Route 13, Box 294, Cullman, Alabama 35055

CLERK-TREASURER . . . . . Mrs. Myrna Montgomery  
Route 1, Box 356, Madison, Alabama 35758

\* The 1978 session of this association will convene with Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Hartselle, Alabama on January 28, 1978.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

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

The seventh Ministers and Deacons conference met Friday night. The session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Paul Jones. The opening song was "Near The Cross". Prayer by Rev. James Waldrep.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Arlie Griffus. Bro. Griffus also gave the welcome.

There were nine Ministers and five Deacons present. There was a visitor from St. Louis, Mo., Sister Charlotte Tallent, a full time missionary to France. Sister Tallent was visiting the Cedar Creek Church. There were two visitors from The Royal Free Will Baptist Mission.

Rev. Bill Goodwin brought the Devotion using as his text Mark 4 - 30, The Parable of the Mustard Seed.

Rev. John Edwards brought the message using as his text Revelation 2 - 10 and 1st Corinthians 4 - 1 & 2 with the thought, "Faithfulness".

An offering of \$22.16 was received.

The election of officers was held with the following being elected:

MODERATOR - Bro. Junior Burnham  
CLERK-TREASURER - Sister Myrna Montgomery

Motion made, second and carried to adjourn.

Rev. Phil Kimbrough led in the closing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 A. M.

We convened with Bro. Paul Jones leading, "Trust and Obey" with Sandra Starnes at the piano. Prayer by Rev. John Edwards. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Junior Burnham. His text was John 14, 1 thru 4. Bro. Paul Jones led the congregation in singing, "Living By Faith".

Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Terry called the session to order. The welcome was given by Bro. Charles Pennington of the Midway Church. The response was given by the moderator.

The Committees were appointed as follows:

The Credentials Committee:

Rev. Bill Goodwin - Chairman  
Bro. Charles Pennington  
Bro. Buford Hall

The Presbytery Committee:

Rev. John Edwards - Chairman  
Rev. James Wheeler  
Rev. Phil Kimbrough  
Rev. Bill Goodwin  
Bro. Lee Headrick

The Business Committee:

Bro. Otis Lowery - Chairman  
Bro. Buford Hall  
Bro. Charles Pennington

The Nominating Committee:

Bro. Paul Jones - Chairman  
Bro. Junior Burnham  
Bro. Walter Franks

The Obituary Committee:

Sister Myrna Montgomery - Chairman  
Sister Earlene Curvin  
Sister Betty Stanley  
Sister Linda Bryson

The Letters from each church were received. The Moderator dismissed for a ten minute break. We reconvened by singing, "God's Message to Man".

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 be seated.

The Maple Grove Church requests that Bro. Tom Lowery and Bro. James Hamilton be examined as candidates for Deacons having been on trial in their church for one year. To be ordained at a later date in their own church.

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Cullman, request that Rev. James Waldrep's credentials be ratified and that he be accepted into the North Alabama Association.

The Midway Church request that Rev. Truman Starnes credentials be ratified and that he be accepted into the North Alabama Association.

The Laodecia Church request that Rev. Rayburn Jones credentials be ratified and that he be accepted into the North Alabama Association. Motion, seconded and carried.

The minutes were read and accepted as read. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted also.

An offering of \$19.27 was received.

Bro. Paul Jones led the congregation in singing, "Jesus Saves", "Grace For Every Need", and "Amazing Grace".

Rev. James Wheeler brought the morning message, using Genesis, Chapter 2 as his text. Invitation Hymn, "Just As I Am".

Bro. Charles Pennington 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 "I'll Be Satisfied", and "Where The Soul Never Dies", led by Bro. Paul Jones.

Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Terry, Bro. Truman Starnes and Sister Sandra Starnes. Rev. Bill Goodwin led in prayer.

Instead of the evening devotion Rev. Phil Kimbrough introduced Sister Charlotte Tallent a full time missionary to France from St. Louis, Mo. She used as her Bible text Acts, Chapter 8 and verse 31. Sister Tallent gave a meaningful talk on Missionaries and their work, especially those in France.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Presbytery:

We, the Presbytery Committee have met with Bro. Tom Lowery and Bro. James Hamilton and recommend that they be ordained as Deacons in their church at a later date. Motion, seconded and carried.

We recommend that Rev. James Waldrep, Rev. Truman Starnes and Rev. Rayburn Jones credentials be ratified and that they be accepted into the North Alabama Association. Motion, seconded and carried.

Obituary:

We, the Obituary Committee report the following deaths:

Maple Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
Bro. U. G. Lowery  
Bro. Willie D. Brooks

Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church  
Bro. Talmage Knox

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

Business:

We, the Business Committee recommend that we print all four sessions in our minutes and that we give today's offering to Sister Charlotte Tallent. That each church receive an offering send it to Rev. Kenneth Terry for his efforts in the Royal Mission. That we have our annual session in alphabetical order according to the churches. Motion, seconded and carried.

Nominating:

We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following officers:

Moderator: Rev. Bill Goodwin  
Clerk-Treasurer: Sister Myrna Montgomery  
Motion, seconded and carried.

Delegates appointed to State Association.

Cedar Creek - Sister Mildred Kimbrough  
Maple Grove - Sister Alice Barkley  
Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lowery  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowery

Rev. Bill Goodwin gave a report on the Children's Home. Rev. John Edwards announced The Annual Pastors and Workers Conference in February of 1978 at Dothan, Alabama. He also announced the State Association Meeting in November at Eufaula, Alabama.

Adjournment by the incoming moderator, Rev. Bill Goodwin.

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	0	\$120.00	\$120.00	0	\$120.00	0	0	\$398.00	\$480.00	\$50,000	\$17,500
First Free Will Baptist Cullman	0	0	0	0	\$200.00	0	0	0	\$200.00	\$65,000	0
First Free Will Baptist Decatur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$170,000	\$30,000
Laodecia	0	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	0	\$120.08	\$20.00	0	0	\$150.08	\$25,000	0
Maple Grove	0	\$ 90.00	\$314.00	\$125.00	\$ 95.00	\$100.00	\$51.00	0	\$634.00	\$50,000	0
Midway	0	0	\$212.97	0	\$100.00	0	0	0	\$212.97	\$20,000	0

Church	Number of Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	S. S. Enr.	CTS Enr.	Woman's Aux.	Paid Pastor
Cedar Creek	127	1	1	2	65	45	7	\$6,500.00
First Free Will Baptist Cullman	82	3	1	4	50	40	12	\$1,586.00
First Free Will Baptist Decatur	192	2	0	1	116	53	16	\$3,780.00
Laodecia	74	3	2	1	30	0	10	\$2,368.48
Maple Grove	66	0	1	2	50	30	15	\$3,775.00
Midway	47	2	0	1	40	0	16	\$1,206.32

QUARTERLY MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

January 28, 1978 . . . . . Cedar Creek - Hartselle, Alabama  
 April 29, 1978 . . . . . First Church - Cullman, Alabama  
 July 29, 1978 . . . . . First Church - Decatur, Alabama  
 October 28, 1978 . . . . . Cedar Creek - Hartselle, Alabama

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Bro. Paul Jones.

Moderator - Rev. Bill Goodwin  
 Clerk-Treasurer - Sister Myrna Montgomery

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. John Edwards  
 809 Westwood Drive, S.W.  
 Decatur, Alabama 35601

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

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

Rev. Odie Curvin  
 Route 2, Box 124A  
 Blountsville, Alabama 35031

Rev. Melvin Hunter  
 1907 Woodview  
 Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Rev. Bill Goodwin  
 Route 13, Box 294  
 Cullman, Alabama 35055

Rev. Charles Lindsey  
 Route 2  
 Falkville, Alabama 35622

Rev. James Wheeler  
 1414 Miami Drive  
 Birmingham, Alabama 35214

*Rev James Waldrop  
 1515 Warrick Rd  
 Cullman, AL 35055*

ORDAINED DEACONS

Cedar Creek . . . . .

Albert L. Henry  
 Route 1  
 Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Bill Foote  
 Route 3  
 Hartselle, Alabama 35640

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

James Owen  
 Route 12, Box 106  
 Cullman, Alabama 35055

Buddy Bryson  
 117 McNabb Road  
 Cullman, Alabama 35055

Don Rohrscheib  
 Route 2  
 Vinemont, Alabama 35179

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

Laodecia . . . . . Lee Headrick  
 1301 Brunner Street  
 Cullman, Alabama 35055

Maple Grove . . . . . Otis Lowery  
 Church Street  
 Madison, Alabama 35758

Walter Craig  
 Mill Road  
 Madison, Alabama 35758

Midway . . . . . Charles Pennington  
 Route 6, Box 306  
 Hanceville, Alabama 35077

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Cedar Creek Hartselle, Alabama	✓ Rev. Phil Kimbrough Route 3, Box 71 Hartselle, AL 35640	Arthur Knox 305 Gilchrist Street Hartselle, AL 35640
First Free Will Baptist Cullman, Alabama	<i>2/2</i> ✓ Rev. James Waldrep 1515 Warnke Rd. Cullman, AL 35055	Linda Bryson 117 McNabb Rd. Cullman, AL 35055
First Free Will Baptist Decatur, Alabama	✓ Rev. John Edwards 809 Westwood Dr., S. W. Decatur, AL 35601	Inez Jones Route 2, Box 8 Falkville, AL 35622
Laodecia Hanceville, Alabama	✓ Rev. Odie Curvin Route 2, Box 124A Blountsville, AL 35051	Ruth Headrick 1301 Brunner St., N. W. Cullman, AL 35055
Maple Grove Madison, Alabama	✓ Rev. James Wheeler 1414 Miami Drive Birmingham, AL <i>521X</i>	✓ Myrna Montgomery Route 1, Box 356 Madison, AL 35758
Midway Hanceville, Alabama	✓ Rev. L. B. Hallmark Gardendale, AL	Truman Starnes Route 2 Blountsville, AL 35031

### 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.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward . . . . .	\$186.93
Offering from Ministers and Deacons Meeting . . . . .	\$22.16
Dues Received . . . . .	\$120.00
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$329.09
Paid Out: State Association . . . . .	\$30.00
Balance . . . . .	\$299.09

## 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.

- NOTES -

Section 1. The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the interests of the people of the State of Florida in the matter of the redemption of the property of persons who have been convicted of crimes and who are unable to pay the costs of their imprisonment and the costs of their legal defense.

Section 2. The Association shall be organized as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 3. The Association shall have as its members all persons who are interested in the redemption of the property of persons who have been convicted of crimes and who are unable to pay the costs of their imprisonment and the costs of their legal defense.

Section 4. The Association shall have as its officers and directors such persons as it may from time to time elect or appoint.

Section 5. The Association shall have the right to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property, to incur liabilities, and to sue and be sued.

Section 6. The Association shall have the right to make and alter its bylaws.

Section 7. The Association shall have the right to receive and hold contributions from any person who is interested in the redemption of the property of persons who have been convicted of crimes and who are unable to pay the costs of their imprisonment and the costs of their legal defense.

Section 8. The Association shall have the right to receive and hold contributions from any person who is interested in the redemption of the property of persons who have been convicted of crimes and who are unable to pay the costs of their imprisonment and the costs of their legal defense.

Section 9. The Association shall have the right to receive and hold contributions from any person who is interested in the redemption of the property of persons who have been convicted of crimes and who are unable to pay the costs of their imprisonment and the costs of their legal defense.

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BYLAWS OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Section 1. The Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers of the Association shall be elected by the members of the Association at its annual meeting.

Section 2. No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Association unless he or she is a member of a Baptist Church in good standing.

Section 3. A Certificate of Membership shall be required at the beginning of each year, and the same shall be signed by the member and the pastor of the church to which he or she is attached.

Section 4. The members of the Association shall have the right to propose and elect officers and directors.

Section 5. The members of the Association shall have the right to propose and elect a committee to investigate the financial affairs of the Association.

Section 6. The members of the Association shall have the right to propose and elect a committee to investigate the moral conduct of the officers and directors of the Association.

Section 7. The members of the Association shall have the right to propose and elect a committee to investigate the efficiency of the Association.

Section 8. The members of the Association shall have the right to propose and elect a committee to investigate the general affairs of the Association.

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