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FOR THE YEAR 1981-1982

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Falkville, AL 35622
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Bro. Buddy Bryson
117 McNabb Road
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1301 Brunner Street
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First Church, Cullman

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2511 Birchfield Street
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Huntsville, Church

PROCEEDINGS

48TH QUARTERLY MEETING

Convening at

9:30 A. M. Midway Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting was begun by Bro. Edwards leading the congregation in "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

The morning was brought by Bro. Ammons, He spoke from John chapter 1 and closed with prayer.

The meeting was then called to order by the moderator, Bro. Larry Monday.

Bro. Al. Barton gave the welcome with a response from:

Bro. Edwards-----First Church, Decatur

Bro. Kuykendall-----Laodecia, Church

Bro. Ammons-----Maple Grove, Church

Bro. Vest-----First Church, Cullman

Bro. Terry-----Blountsville, Church

The visitors were recognized, being Bro. Reeves from Macedonia.

A credentials committee was then appointed by the moderator consisting of:

Bro. Wayne Vest, chairman

Bro. Charles Pennington

Bro Lowery

The assembly was then dismissed until the credentials committee was ready to report.. The assembly was called back into order by the moderator.

The credentials committee reported the letters were in order and recommended that the delegates be seated and let it be known that Midway desired Bro. John Hestla be examined, and ordained as a deacon. It was so moved, seconded and carried to do so.

The Presbytery committee then met for examination of Bro. Hestla.

The clerk's report was read and accepted as read. Announcements of various services at the churches were given.

Bro. Kenneth Terry came and reported on his church in Blountsville and then him and his wife sang "Like a Prodigal Son."

The presbytery committee then reported that Bro. John Hestla was found worthy to be ordained as a deacon. A motion was made seconded, and carried that he be ordained. Bro. Kuykendall led the ordination of Bro. Hestla and his wife from Acts Chapter 6, and 1st Timothy 3:8. All ordained men came and laid hands on Bro. Hestla while Bro. Kuykendall prayed.

It was recommended the association send a letter of good standing to the North Eastern Mississippi Association for Bro. Roger Hunter.

There was a motion made, seconded and carried to give the offering of \$27.83 to the Pastors and workers conference.

There was a motion made, seconded, and carried for the clerk to send letters of invitation for membership to the association to the area churches not yet members. The meeting was adjourned from business for worship services.

The worship service was begun by Bro. Edwards leading the congregation in singing "Where The Soul Never Dies" and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart!"

The offering was received. Bro. Dennis Reeves brought the message from John chapter 15:16-18 entitled "Enough" Bro. Barton closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Larry Monday, moderator
Sis. Elfreda Monday, clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forwarded	\$155.11
Dues Received	30.00
Offering Received	27.83
TOTAL	212.94
<u>Paid Out</u>	
Pastors & workers conference	27.83
Stamps	21.54
Total	49.37
 BALANCE	 163.57

49TH QUARTERLY MEETING

Convening at

9:30 A. M. At Cedar Creek Church

The meeting was begun by the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight" under the leadership of Bro. Paul Jones followed by "Whosoever Meaneth Me."

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Monday. He read from Revelation 1:10-25 and stressed staying close to the Lord. The speaker closed in prayer.

Bro. Archie Lee Harris expressed the church's welcome to all that came and from:

Bro. Ammons-----Maple Grove
Bro. Kuykendall-----Laodecia
Bro. Edwards-----Decatur
Bro. Vest-----Cullman
Bro. Barton-----Midway
Bro. Hussey-----Huntsville

The meeting was then called to order and the moderator appointed a credentials committee consisting of:

Bro. Edwards, chairman
Bro. John Hestla
Sis. Myrna Montgomery

A recess was called to allow time for the credentials committee to meet.

WE reconvened with singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." led by Bro. Edwards and Sis. Carolyn Michael playing the piano.

The credentials committee reported that the letters were in order and recommended the delegates be seated. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

The committee also examined the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church and recommended it be accepted into the Association and their delegates be seated. Their minister also to be examined by the presbytery committee. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

The secretary-treasurer report was read and accepted except Bro. Reeves is from the Macedonia Church.

The presbytery committee was dismissed to examine Bro. Hussey and discuss other matters.

Announcements were made of the State Auxiliary meeting and the National.

It was brought up before the assembly the possibility of printing less minutes and using the money for other causes. It was recommended the clerk look into the minimum cost of printing minutes before a final decision is made. A motion was made, seconded and carried to that order.

The presbytery committee reported that Bro. Barton and Bro. Kuykendall would go to Bro. Rayburn Jones' home to talk with him about licensing him to preach. This was decided because of Bro. Jones' work schedule.

The committee revoked Bro. Clyde Shankle's credentials because he left the Free Will Baptist denomination. The committee reported they found Bro. Hussey's credentials in order and recommended he be accepted into the North Alabama Association, the motion was so moved, seconded and carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to use the morning offering for the fees to send the youth to competition.

The business session was adjourned for the morning worship service. The worship service was begun with Bro. Edwards leading the congregation in "A Shelter In The Time Of Storm," while Sis. Michael played the piano.

Bro. and Sis. Ammons sang "That Lovely Name Of Jesus" and Bro. Kuykendall sang "Precious Memories." An offering of \$39.10 was received. Bro. Edwards then led in "Blessed Assurance."

The morning message was brought by Bro. Hussey reading from Acts 1:8. The point was stressed that you shall be witnesses. The speaker closed the service with an invitation while the congregation sang "Just As I Am."

We were then adjourned by Bro. Kuykendall's prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forwarded	\$163.57
Dues Received	35.00
Offering Received	39.10
TOTAL	\$237.67
<u>PAID OUT</u>	
T.N.T. RALLY FUND	30.00
Cedar Creek (stamps)	5.81
TOTAL	35.81

Note \$88.65 was deposited from the youth rally account, to be kept separate-

Balance \$201.86

50TH QUARTERLY MEETING

Convening at

9:30 A. M. Cullman Free Will Baptist Church

The Meeting was begun by the congregation singing "Stand Up For Jesus" under the leadership of Bro. Donnie Hussey, and prayer by Bro.

Wayne Vest. Bro. Hussey led us in "Oh I Want To See Him."

Bro. Edwards called the meeting to order in absence of the moderator.

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Ricky Lowery. He read Scripture from Luke 16-26 with the thought that the Devil was trying to find more ways to draw the Christians away from the Church. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Wayne Vest gave the welcome with a response from:

Bro. Bell-----First Church, Decatur

Bro. Arthur Knox-----Cedar Creek

Bro. Lee Headrick-----Laodecia

Bro. Ricky Lowery-----Maple Grove

Bro. Al Barton-----Midway

and Bro. Donnie Hussey-----Huntsville

The visitors were recognized and welcomed, Sis. Elsie Jones from Vinemont.

The moderator appointed a credentials consisting of:

Bro. Bill Goodwin, chairman

Bro. Donnie Hussey

Bro. Ricky Lowery

Maple Grove requested that Bro. Ricky Lowery be licensed to preach the Gospel.

A recess was called to allow time for the credentials committee to meet. We reconvened with Bro. Hussey leading us in "Love Lifted Me," and "At The Cross."

The credentials committee reported that the letters were in order and recommended the delegates be seated. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Bro. Edwards appointed a Presbytery committee in absence of the elected committee. Those appointed were:

Bro. Al Barton, chairman

Bro. Wayne Vest

Bro. Lee Headrick

and Bro. Bill Goodwin

Bro. Donnie Hussey was appointed to bring the morning message.

The secretary-treasurer report was read and accepted.

Special music was presented by Sis. Carolyn Michael and Sis. Nelda West from the Huntsville church. They sang "I'm The One."

A motion was made seconded, and carried to pay \$10.00 for quarterly dues and \$25.00 for annual dues. A unanimous discussion was made to change article two of our constitution to read as such.

The Presbytery committee was dismissed to examine Bro. Ricky Lowery. Announcements were made of various revivals. Bro. Edwards reported on some of the happenings at the National Association, he also announced a group from the Bible College would present a Drama at Decatur church Tuesday night of the second coming of Christ.

The Presbytery committee reported they had met and talked with Bro. Ricky Lowery and recommend that he be licensed to preach the Gospel. He asked the Association to pray for him in his ministry. Bro. Edwards presented him a Certificate for one year.

Sis Bell from the Decatur church led the congregation in "Just a Little Talk With Jesus." Bro. Lee Headrick led in prayer.

An offering of \$32.39 was received. Sis. Carolyn Michael played the piano.

Bro. Donnie Hussey brought the morning message, reading from Habakkuk chapter 3-2, using the thought we need Revival in the Heart, Head, Heels, Homes, Husbands and Helpmates.

Sis Bell led the congregation in "Just As I Am" prayer by Bro. Vest.

Bro. Goodwin dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forwarded	\$290.51
Dues Received	35.00
Offering Received	32.39

TOTAL	357.90
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Paid Out

Phone Calls, Postage	3.36
Mailing Bullitings	5.23
Bullitins for Association	2.68

TOTAL	11.27
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BALANCE	346.63
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11TH MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Convening at :

7:00 P. M. Laodecia Free Will Baptist church, Hanceville, AL

The meeting was begun by Bro. Alan Kuykendall leading us in "Are You Washed In The Blood" and "Amazing Grace." Bro Hussey led in prayer.

The moderator, Bro. Goger Ammons called the conference to order.

Bro. Alan Kuykendall, pastor of the host church gave the welcome to all that came and responses were given by:

The pastors of each church.

Bro. Ammons had alter prayer, which was led by Bro. Charles Jackson. He asked everybody to pray for the lost and the association.

Bro. Melvin Hunter gave the devotion, he read from Luke 22-7-8-9 using the thought where will God have us to prepare? Other Scripture He used was John 14-1-2-3.

Special music was presented by Misty Lowery, she sang "Amazing Grace."

Bro. Ricky Lowery brought the message. He read from 1st. Thessolonians chapter 5 verses 1-24, using the thought, give thanks to God in all things. Prayer by the speaker.

Bro. Kuykendall led us in "Just As I Am."

Business Session:

It was recommended that we elect as moderator, Bro. Donnie Hussey and assistant moderator Bro. Roger Ammons. Motion was made, seconded and carried to elect by acclamation. An offering of \$16.85 was received.

Bro. Kuykendall led us in "I Feel Like Traveling On."

There were 6 Ministers and 5 Deacons present, and the visitors were Bro. and Sis. Charles Jackson and daughter Brenda from Huntsville, Al. There some announcements made of various events, and the people were encouraged to come. Bro. Lee Headrick announced the State Association November 5-6-7 in Dothan, Al. Bro. Robert Edmondson dismissed in prayer.

16TH ANNUAL MEETING

CONVENING AT

10:00 A. M. Laodacia Free Will Baptist Church, Hanceville, Al. in "Amazing Grace" and "I'll Be Satisfied." Bro. Ammons led in prayer. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Kuykendall. There was a welcome given by Bro. Robert Edmondson, and responses by:
 Bro. Donnie Hussey-----Huntsville, Church
 Bro. Roger Ammons-----Maple Grove
 Bro. Walter Jagers-----First Church, Decatur
 Bro. Melvin Hunter-----Cedar Creek
 Bro. Al Barton-----Midway
 and Bro. Wayne Vest-----First Church, Cullman

The visitors were recognized and welcomed, these being: Bro. and Sis. Clyde Motes from Vernon, Al.

Bro. Wayne Vest brought the morning devotion. He read from Rev. chapter 3, verses 13-22.

Bro. Donnie Hussey gave a report on the Ala. State Mission work at Alabaster, Dothan, and Hedlin. He stressed the importance of everybody helping with the work so that we would see more churches established for the glory of God. He thanked God for what was being done for the State Missions. He encouraged everybody to attend the State Association in Dothan Al. November 5-6-7.

A Credentials committee was appointed by the moderator consisting of
 Bro. Donnie Hussey, chairman
 Bro. Wayne Vest
 Bro. Charles Pennington

The church letters were received. Bro. Jones led us in "Kneel At The Cross." Misty Lowery sang "Standing On The Promises."

The body recessed until the credentials committee was ready to report.

The body reconvened with Bro. Jones leading the congregation in "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

The credentials recommended the letters be accepted as being in order and the delegates be seated. Cedar Creek and First Church, Decatur requests that Bro. Melvin Hunter and Bro. Walter Jagers credentials be ratified and that they be accepted into the North Ala. Association. The motion was made, seconded and carried to accept this report. The minutes of the last meeting were omitted.

There was no business to report.

A nominating committee was appointed by the moderator consisting of:

Bro. Lee Headrick, chairman
 Bro. Charles Pennington

and Bro. Robert Edmondson

The morning worship service was brought by Bro. Melvin Hunter. he read from Ezekiel 37-1-14 using the thought what's wrong with our churches? Are our churches dying up? and people are all dried up. Ther scripture he used was Genesis 2-7.

Bro. Jones led in "Just As I Am" Bro. Parson led in prayer and prayed the blessing on the food.

After lunch we reconvened with Bro. Jones leading "I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord" prayer by Bro. Hunter.

Bro. Al Barton gave the afternoon devotion using Luke 14-17-26. His emphasis was on the marriage supper.

The Presbytery committee reported, "We the Presbytery committee have met and talked with Bro. Hunter and Bro. Jagers and found them in good standing with the association they come from, and recommend them to the North Ala. Association for membership. Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Paul Jones, chairman
 Bro. Roger Ammons
 Bro. Alan Kuykendall
 Bro. Al Barton

and Bro. Julian Parsons

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept this recommendation.

The nominating committee submitted the following for election:

Moderator: Rev. Roger Ammons
 Assistant Moderator: Rev. Al Barton
 Clerk-Treasurer: Sis. Myrna Montgomery
 Assistant Clerk-Treasurer: Sis Lavada Knox
 Business Committee: First Church, Decatur
 Obituary Committee: First Church, Huntsville

It was moved, seconded, and carried to elect by acclamation.

The places for the association meetings were established. They being:

January 23, 1982 Maple Grove
 April 24, 1982 Midway
 July 24, 1982 Decatur
 October 22-23 1982 First Church, Huntsville

Delegates were elected to represent the association at the State Meeting. These being:

Bro. Harold Goode-----Decatur Church
 Bro. Jesse Kuykendall--Midway Church

The moderator appointed the Presbytery Committee for 1982 consisting of:

Bro. Melvin Hunter, chairman
 Bro. Walter Jagers
 Bro. Donnie Hussey
 Bro. Charles Pennington

and Bro. Al Barton, Alternate

A Rising vote of thanks was given the Host Church for the fine food and haspitality.

The Obituary submitted the following deaths.

Bro. Jim Watts of Decatur, Church
 Bro. Archie Lee Harris of First Church, Cullman
 and Sis. Leola Alexander of Laodacia Church

A motion made, seconded and carried that we stand in silent prayer in memory of these. Bro. Hussey dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Alan Kuykendall, moderator
 Sis. Myrna Montgomery, clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forwarded \$346.63

Dues Received 175.00

Offering Friday Night 16.85

TOTAL 538.48

Paid Out

Alabama State Dues 70.00

TOTAL 70.00

BALANCE \$468.48

REPORTS

CLERKS REPORT

RECEIVED

Dues January \$ 30.00

April 35.00

July 35.00

October 175.00

OFFERING January 27.83

April 39.10

July 32.39

October, Min. 8Deas. 16.85

TOTAL \$391.18

Funds Transferred from Youth Rally 85.65

Grand Total \$476.83

PAID OUT

Pastors and Workers Conf. 27.83

Stamps 21.54

TNT Rally 5.81

Office Supplies, Stamps, Bullitins 17.08

State Association Dues 70.00

TOTAL \$166.45

CHURCH	CO-OP	HOME MIS.	EDU.	CHILD.HOME	SUP. ANN.	FOR. MIS.	TOTAL OUTSIDE ESP.
CEDAR CREEK	0	0	44.00	12.00	83.00	75.00	214.00
FIRST CULLMAN	0	0	0	180.00	0	0	180.00
FIRST DECATUR	0	0	0=	0	0	956.72	956.72
HUNTSVILLE F. W. B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAODECIA CHURCH	0	0	0	179.00	20.00	0	199.00
MAPLE GROVE	0	90.00	0	119.00	130.00	0	339.00
MIDWAY CHURCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CHURCH	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	PAID PASTOR
CEDAR CREEK	130,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
FIRST CULLMAN	75,000.00	0	1,930.00
FIRST DECATUR	200,000.00	50,000.00	14,960.00
HUNTSVILLE F. W. B.	100,000.00	0	0
LAODECIA CHURCH	35,000.00	0	2,734.00
MAPLE GROVE	65,000.00	0	5,200.00
MIDWAY CHURCH	35,000.00	0	1,963.00

CHURCH	NO. MEMBERS	ORDAINED MINS.	LIC MINS.	ORDAINED DEAS.	S. S. ENR.	CTS	WOMENS ENR. AUX.	MASTER MEN
CEDAR CREEK	138	1	0	2	55	0	10	0
FIRST CULLMAN	87	3	0	3	65	39	10	0
FIRST DECATUR	199	2	0	1	75	56	17	0
HUNTSVILLE F.W.B.	79	1	0	3	105	62	0	0
LAODECIA CHURCH	70	2	0	2	45	0	0	0
MAPLE GROVE	74	1	1	2	60	30	14	0
MIDWAY	85	2	0	2	51	0	0	10

CONSTITUTION

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, 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 \$10.00 for quarterly dues and \$25.00 for annual dues 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 to be the nomination and majority of votes at the end of each session. Officers 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 Assoc. 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 application 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

This Association shall meet annually on the fourth Saturday in October, at the place agreed on at the previous session.

ARTICLE IX

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.

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 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 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 Book of Order.

Section 7. No person shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal inflection.

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 the 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 the majority of all delegates 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 COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by his grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reverence to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 a pastorate.

III. This Association ordains no one that does not believe fully the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

IV. This Association ordains no one that does not believe and practice tithing.

V. This Association ordains no one that does not believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.

VI. This Association will not ordain any one that is affiliated with the world Council of Churches.

VII. This Association will not ordain any one with a bad character with them that are without.

IX. This Association will not ordain anyone that does not 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 does not 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 ministeries; 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 revoked.

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