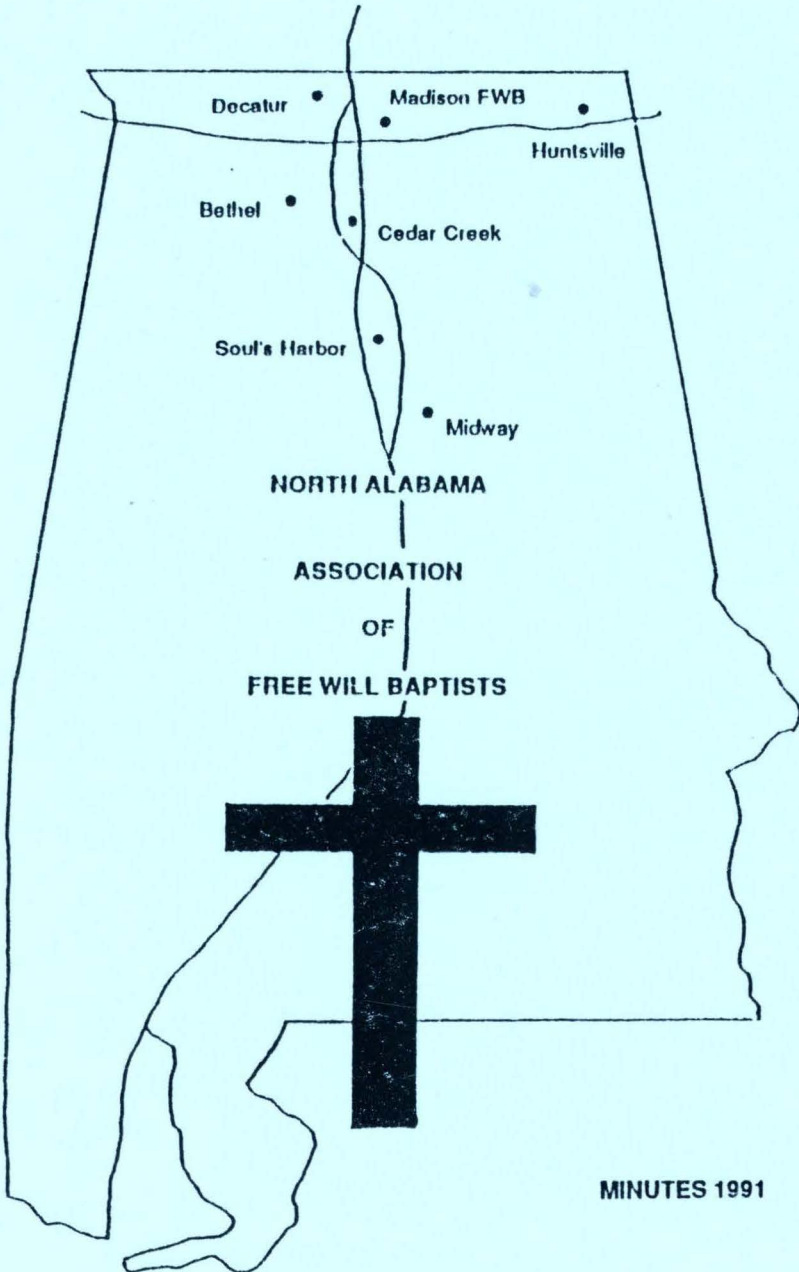


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**MINUTES
OF THE
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OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FOR THE YEAR
1991**

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**GENERAL OFFICERS
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FOR THE YEAR 1990 - 1991**

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PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE

Bro. Melvin Hunter, Chairman
Bro. Mike Rogers
Bro. Richard Hendrix
Bro. Ken Michael
Bro. Robert Morgan
Bro. Stephen Petty, Alternate

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Decatur Free Will Baptist Church

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church

**BY-LAWS OF THE
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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 (5) five minutes without the permission of the Moderator.

BY-LAWS (CONT'D)

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 recommendation they may wish to make. and omit the public reading of the letter.

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. 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 8. No person shall absent himself from the Association without permission of the Moderator.

Section 9. This Association shall issue annually, cards of good standing to its ministers and deacons, whose church requests them.

Section 10. This Association shall in all cases in the transaction of all business brought before it, be governed by a majority of all delegates present. Any church or delegate failing or refusing to vote, is and shall be considered a party to the enforcement of same.

Section 11. 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 Work 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 sale and use of intoxicating beverages and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

CHURCH COVENANT (CONT'D)

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 knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and observances 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'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 chief 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.

GUIDELINES 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 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.

GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION (cont'd)

- 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 anyone 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.

NOTE: If any church has a minister or deacon that needs to be questioned by the Presbytery Committee for licensing, ratification, or ordination, contact the Chairman of the Presbytery Committee at least one month before the Association meets. This will enable the committee and the candidate to be better prepared at the Association meeting. It will also eliminate a lot of wasted time at the Association by the people that are having to wait for the committee to get through with their report.

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PROCEEDINGS 76th QUARTERLY MEETING

Convening April 27, 1991 at 9:00 a.m. at Madison Free Will Baptist Church, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was started by the Congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing". under the leadership of Bro. Rodney Yerby, with Carolyn Hendrix at the piano.

Bro. Randall Lamb led in prayer. Bro. Richard Hendrix gave the welcome. Bro. Paul Jones gave the response.

The devotion was brought by Rev. Dennis Reeves reading from Psalms 27:1 using the thought "Have I desired of thee Lord, and to behold the Lord and to enquire in His temple".

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

The Credentials Committee was appointed by the Moderator, those appointed were:

Bro. Ken Michaels
Bro. Paul Jones
Bro. Rodney Yerby

PROCEEDINGS
76th QUARTERLY MEETING (cont'd)

The C.T.S. District Competition was presented at this time. Bro. Rodney Yerby led in "When We All Get To Heaven".

The Credentials Committee gave their report, all the letters were found in order, and it was recommended that they be received and the delegates seated.

The visitor that was recognized was Bro. Tom Malone from the Bible College.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, the Treasurer's report was given; they were approved.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to raise the Association dues to \$35.00 beginning at this meeting.

A motion was made to give the offering we received today to Bro. Tom Malone, the guest speaker, for missions - motion carried.

The Decatur Free Will Baptist Church received the attendance plaque.

Bro. Kenneth Terry led us in "Victory In Jesus". Bro. Donald Spinfill led in prayer.

Special music was presented by Bro. Rodney Yerby, he sang "Christ Returneth".

Bro. Tom Malone, President of the Bible College brought the message, he read from John 1:11 using the thought, Job prayed for his children daily or continually, and has thou considered my servant Job? Also, I want you to consider Job. He turned his back on sin. He was blameless.

He also talked about how the Lord had intervened in the things that had happened and are happening now at the Bible College, this was received as information.

Prayer by the Speaker.

Everyone went to the altar for prayer, with Bro. Jagers leading in prayer and Bro. Mike Rogers closing the prayer and praying the blessing on the food.

TREASURY REPORT

Balance Forwarded	\$143.92
Offering	77.52
Dues	150.00
Bro. Johns Camp Meeting	50.00
Total	\$421.44

Also received \$250.00 from the churches-given to Bro. Tom Malone for Missions.

PAID OUT:

Minutes	\$139.05
Stamps, Envelopes & Mailing	7.60
Randall House C.T.S. Supplies	7.60
Bible College, Missions	77.00
Randall House - Bulletins	6.95
Printing Checks	9.50
Total	\$248.22
BALANCE	\$173.22

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Continued
26th ANNUAL MEETING

Convening on October 26, 1991 at 9:30 a.m., at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama.

The meeting was opened with Bro. Rodney Yerby leading in "To God Be The Glory".

Bro. Dennis Reeves led in altar prayer. Bro. Rodney Yerby then led in "Praise Him, Praise Him".

The welcome was given by Bro. Jagers. The response was given by Bro. Mike Rogers.

The devotion was brought by Bro. Steve Petty, reading from Numbers 13:1-3, using as his topic, "They had a different spirit", other scripture he read was from Numbers 13:31-33 and Numbers 14:6-9.

Prayer by speaker.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following:

Bro. Paul Jones, Chairman

Bro. Arthur Knox

Bro. Tim McCormick

Nominating Committee appointed was the following:

Bro. Richard Hendrix, Chairman

Bro. Ken Michael

Bro. Steve Petty

Intermission:

We reassembled, with Bro. Rodney Yerby leading in "Blessed Assurance". The Credentials Committee gave their report, all the letters were in order with the exception of one church. Their letter will be mailed at a later date. It was recommended that the letters be received and the delegates seated. Motion carried.

The reading of the minutes by the Clerk and the Treasurer's report were given, motion made and carried to accept these reports.

Bro. William Pepper led in prayer.

Bro. Rodney Yerby led in "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and "Glory To His Name". Bro. Hendrix led in prayer.

Bro. Rodney Yerby sang "In This Very Room". Bro. William Pepper led in prayer.

The message was brought by Bro. Donnie Hussey. He read from I Peter 5:6-11, John 1:12, and Romans 8:14, using as his topic "Six Principles In Defeating Satan".

Prayer by the speaker.

An invitation was given while Bro. Rodney Yerby led in "Have Thine Own Way".

An offering was received, prayer by Bro. Melvin Hunter. It was recommended that the offering be given to Bro. Donnie Hussey for traveling expenses. Offering received totaled \$110.00.

26th ANNUAL MEETING (cont'd)

Bro. Ken Michael prayed ^{the} a blessing on the food.

After a wonderful lunch served by the host church, we were called back, with Bro. Rodney Yerby leading in "Victory In Jesus". Prayer by Sis. Vonda Hunter.

Bro. Tim McCormick brought the evening devotion, he read from Isaiah 1:15-19, using the thought "Come Now and Let Us Reason Together", he also read scripture from Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

The Presbytery Committee gave their report.

Having questioned Bro. Steve Petty, we recommended that he be added to the list of Ordained Ministers upon receipt of a letter of good standing from White Rines Association in Indiana, and that he become a member of the North Alabama Association. Respectfully submitted by Bro. Melvin Hunter, Chairman.

They also recommended that Bro. Milton Gann be issued a letter of good standing, but hold it until we receive a request from whatever body he seeks to join within the Free Will Baptist ranks.

A motion was entertained that North Alabama Association send Bro. Milton Gann a letter to let him know we love and appreciate him and to be encouraged in the Lord. Motion carried.

A motion was made that we have a Camp Meeting June 4, 5 and 6, 1992 and that we invite Bro. Bob Shocky to be the speaker.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Moderator appoint a three member Committee to head up this Camp Meeting. Bro. Dennis Reeves- Chairman, Bro. Richard Hendrix and Bro. Robert Morgan were appointed.

Prior to this meeting Bro. Mike Rogers had drawn up some guidelines for the Christian Board of Education. A motion was made that Bro. Mike read this information. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we adopt these guidelines and that they become a part of the minutes of the North Alabama Association.

The following were elected to head up this committee of the Christian Board of Education: Bro. Steve Petty, Bro. Rodney Yerby, Bro. Kenneth Terry ^{Chairman}

The Youth Rallies will begin January 1992 and go through May 1992.

The following dates and locations were decided upon for the 1992 Youth

Meetings: January 25, 1992 - Souls Harbor Free Will Baptist Church
February 22, 1992 - Decatur free Will Baptist Church
March 28, 1992 - Madison Free Will Baptist Church
April 25, 1992 - Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
May 30, 1992 - Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church

The following dates and locations were decided upon for the 1992 Association Meetings: April 25, 1992 - Decatur First Free Will Baptist Church
October 24, 1992 - Madison Free Will Baptist Church

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

Bro. Jim Bell led in prayer and dismissed the service.

^{and} The Nominating Committee submitted the following Officers for 1992:

Moderator, Bro. Walter Jagers
Assistant Moderator, Bro. Mike Rogers
Clerk, Sis. Myrna Montgomery
Assistant Clerk, Sis. Vonda Hunter

26 th ANNUAL MEETING (cont'd)

Business Committie:
Decatur First Free Will Baptist Church

Obituary Committee
Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we select by acclamation.

Presbytery Committee 1991-1992

Bro. Melvin Hunter, Chairman
Bro. Mike Rogers ✓
Bro. Richard Hendrix ✓
Bro. Kenneth Michael ✓
Bro. Robert Morgan ✓
Bro. Stephen Petty, Alternate

Delegates appointed to the State Association:

Rodney Yerby - Madison
Vonda Hunter - Cedar Creek
Inez Jones - Decatur
Nelda Morgan - Bethel
Harry Boen - Midway
Carolyn Michael - Huntsville
Jerel Reeves - Souls Harbor

Decatur First Free Will Baptist Church received the attendance plaque.

TREASURY REPORT

Balance Forwarded	\$173.22
Offering	110.00
Dues Received	265.00
Total	\$548.22
PAID OUT:	
State Association Dues.	\$210.00
(7 churches reported \$35.00 each church)	
Bro. Donnie Hussey	\$110.00
Total	\$320.00
 BALANCE	 \$228.22

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Hartselle, AL ~~35740~~ *35640*
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Rev. Michael Rogers
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ORDAINED DEACONS

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(205)

Midway
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Souls Harbor
Bro. Bud Cagle
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(205) 739-1731

Souls Harbor
Bro. Donnie Yates
Route 1 Box 1230
Vinemont, AL 35129
(205) 734-2882

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR

CLERK'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance \$143.92

DUES RECEIVED:

April 150.00
October 265.00

OFFERINGS:

April 77.52
October 110.00
Camp Meeting Check 50.00

Total Income 796.44

PAID OUT:

Bible College Missions 77.52
Minutes 139.05
State Association Dues 210.00

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR (cont'd)

Bro. Donnie Hussey	110.00
Printing Checks	9.50
Office Supplies	22.15
Total Expenditures	\$568.22
Balance	\$228.22

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.

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Souls Harbor Rt. 4, Box 176 Vinemont, AL 35179 205-734-2882	Rev. Dennis Reeves Rt. 4, Box 844 Vinemont, AL 35179 205-734-8115	Bud Cagle Rt. 4, Box 824 Vinemont, AL 35179 205-739-1731

GUIDELINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

- The Christian Education Board shall consist of 3 men with at least one Pastor; the other two members could be ministers or laymen but at least one must be a Pastor. The committee shall be nominated and elected by the body of the Association during the annual meeting and would be elected on a three year term; one term expiring each year. The senior member serving as chairman. Each Pastor is to select a young person from his church to serve as youth representative to the Christian Education Board.
 - The Christian Education Board along with the youth representatives from each church and the host Pastor shall plan the program of the Youth Rally each month. Youth rallies are suggested to be held each month from September until May on the last Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The site of each Youth Rally should be given on a 1st come basis during the Annual Association in October.
 - The Associational Treasurer will serve as treasurer for this board.
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GUIDELINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD (cont'd)

4. This board shall have approval to spend its monies without prior approval from the Associational body.

The Christian Education Board shall work with all churches of our Association in getting them involved in the Youth Rally and other related projects. Activities that require special funding (i.e., crusades, trips, and banquets) should be planned in detail and presented to a special called meeting of all the Pastors of the Association for their approval.

The Christian Education Board shall report to the Association during the Annual Meeting as a matter of accounting and information.

NOTE: This Board should bear in mind that the role of the Pastors of our churches is the success of any programs they undertake. Their advice should be considered. The local Pastor should be the point of contact on any plans this board may conceive. All correspondence (by letter or phone) should be made to the Pastor in order to seek his wisdom as well as to honor this office. The youth representatives from each church should seek the advice of their Pastor on any plans made and should inform him on any decisions made by this board as a second line of communication.

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→ Change to read
the Christian Board of Education will
work with the individual Pastors
to select sites for the monthly
youth rallies. This will reflect
in the new semester

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