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NORTH ALABAMA

ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1996-1997
Minutes

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**GENERAL OFFICERS
of the
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION**

Officers for 1998-1999

Moderator	Rev. Richard Hendrix 138 Lewis Lane Madison, AL 35758 (256) 461-7453
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Gary Miller 846 East Lacon Rd. Falkville, AL 35622 (205) 784-5717
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Assistant Clerk	Jean McCraney 2304 Warwick Ave. Decatur, AL 35601 (256) 351-1615

1996-1997 CEB

Rev. Kenneth Terry, 3 yr term
Rev. Jerel Reeves, 2 yr term
Bro. Rodney Yerby, 1 yr term

1998 CEB

Bro. Shannon Hale, 3 yr term
Rev. Kenneth Terry, 2 yr term
Rev. Jerel Reeves, 1 yr term

1996-1997 Presbytery Committee

Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Chairman	Bro. Johnny Brown
Rev. Lamar Cox	Rev. Michael E. Rogers
Rev. William Peppers	Bro. Paul Jones (Alt)

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 obligations in reference to 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake 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 of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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.

PROCEEDINGS
The 6th Semi-Annual Association
April 27, 1996

The 6th Semi-Annual Association meeting convened on April 27, 1996 at Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Johnny Brown led the congregation in "Have Thine Own Way" with Sister Patsy Hale at the piano. Rev. Lamar Cox led the opening prayer. The Welcome was given by Bro. Billy Vest. The response was made by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. Rev. Dennis Haygood gave a devotion entitled "Coming and Going" using Matthew 28:1-10 as his text. He also gave a report on the mission work for South Huntsville and asked that the churches put his work in their budget if possible.

Rev. Richard Hendrix, Moderator, called the Association meeting to order. He appointed the following credentials committee: Rev. Dennis Reeves, Bro. Billy Vest, and Bro. Arthur Knox. The Presbytery Committee was reminded to meet at intermission. After a short intermission, the congregation sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and Rev. Truman Shaddrix, visiting minister, led in prayer. Rev. Mike Rogers then sang "Oh, What a Savior". The Credentials Committee report was given. All nine churches letters were found in order. There was a motion and second to seat the delegates. The minutes were then read and approved. The following Presbytery Committee report was given by Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Chairman; (1) Rev. Steven Webb was recommended to the Association to be recognized as an ordained minister in good standing. There was a motion and second to do this; (2) Rev. Bill Goodwin is to be named as representative to the children's home trustee board; (3) that the Old Time Camp Meeting be rotated with speakers from the Home, Foreign, and Free Will Baptist Bible College Boards of the National Association of the Free Will Baptists. There was motion and second to do this. The motion carried.

Rev. Richard Hendrix made a suggestion that the Presbytery Committee be a resolution committee to help take care of business before the Association. There was a motion and second to do this. The motion carried. The Children's Home Report was given by Rev. Bill Goodwin. He stated that the board meets the same day as our Association making it impossible to be at both meetings. He will send his report in the form of a letter to the Association. This report was received as read. Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the Christian Education Board report. It was received as read. After discussion of the CTS competition, five churches agreed to send \$100 each for the competition so that the youth do not have to pay their fees individually. These churches were Ebenezer, Cedar Creek, Madison, Soul's Harbor, and Midway.

The churches were encouraged to send over-the-counter medicine to Madison for the group to take to Russia. Rev. Richard Cordell made a report for our State Promotional Office. The State of Alabama is supposed to raise \$15,000 for the Russian Project. May 12 will be the 150th year celebration for Mt. Moriah. Our Association will send a congratulatory letter. The 50th anniversary for the Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary will be May 4, 1996 in Sylacauga. The mission conference will be held in January. Churches were encouraged to put this in their budgets.

Our attendance for this meeting was 63 members of the Association and 7 visitors with Midway receiving the plaque for the most in attendance. Rev. Richard Adams gave a Home Mission Report. This was received as information.

Rev. Gary Miller introduced Rev. Trymon Messer as our speaker. His message was "Homes of God" using Ephesians 3:3,6,9,14,15 as his main text. We were reminded that the home is the only institution that makes sense. Therefore, we need to start churches so that we have a home for "The Family of God". There

was a motion and second made to give Rev. Cordell and Rev. Haygood \$50.00 each unless we have enough to give them more. Rev. Dennis Reeves prayed before the offering. Rev. Walter Jagers made a motion to give Ebenezer a rising vote of "thanks". This was done and the meeting adjourned. We were then dismissed with prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 27, 1996

Association

Balance Forward 4-27-96	\$230.59
Income:	\$1405.06
Paid Out: Lodging (Missions Conference)	\$246.00
Rev. Haygood, Rev. Cordell	\$150.00
Home Missions	\$933.06
Camp Meeting Team Meeting	\$70.40
Russian Medicine Project	\$5.00
'95 Minutes	<u>\$68.90</u>
Total	\$1473.36
Ending Balance 10-26-96	\$246.89

Youth - CE Board

Balance Forward	4-27-96	\$479.18
Income:		\$825.00
Paid Out:		
CTS Materials		\$21.00
Awards/Competition		\$236.84
National Competition Fees		\$549.00
Reimburse Rodney Yerby (Judge's Lunch)		\$20.00
Competition Judges		<u>\$225.00</u>
Total		\$1051.84
Ending Balance 10-26-96		\$252.34

PROCEEDINGS
The 31st Annual Association
October 26, 1996

The 31st Annual Association Meeting convened on October 26, 1996. The congregation sang "I Want to Know More" with Mrs. Janie Aldrige at the piano. Rev. Walter Jaggars led in prayer. Rev. Terry Drinkwater welcomed everyone to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur. The devotion was given by Bro. Mike Corley on "Starting New Churches". He included a report on the Russian trip and showed slides of people they met during the trip.

Rev. Richard Hendrix called the Association to order. Prayer was given by Bro. Ernie Winchester. The following Credentials Committee was appointed: Bro. Ken Michael, Chairman; Rev. Walter Jaggars, and Bro. Ernie Winchester. The following nomination committee was also appointed: Bro. Mike Corley, Chairman; Rev. Kenneth Terry, and Rev. Steven Webb. After a short intermission the congregation sang "I'm Redeemed."

The Credentials Committee report was given. The letters were all found in order. The minutes were read and accepted and the Treasurer's Report was given. Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the CEB report. The Presbytery Committee report was given by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. The following items were each considered item by item: (1) Rev. Truman Shaddrix was given Ordination Certificate for a Free Will Baptist Minister; (2) Guidelines for Ministers to be printed in the minutes; and (3) Any information to be presented ahead of time is to be sent to the Presbytery Committee. These items were all approved. The church count was taken with Bethel of Decatur having the most in attendance for the plaque. There were 61 members and 2 visitors making a total of 63 in attendance.

The location of the 1997 Association meetings will be April 26 at Madison and October 25 at Bethel of Decatur. Rev. Dennis Reeves led in prayer in memory of our obituary list. Each pastor gave the names of deceased members from his church. These were: T. B. Evans, Faith; Robert Henry, Cedar Creek; Annie Hendrix, Soul's Harbor; Margie Lowery, Bobby Bridges, Madison.

Delegates for the State Association were appointed: Linda Shaddrix and Pat Miller. The nominating committee report was made by Bro. Mike Corley. He stated that Bro. Rodney Yerby's term on the CEB is up and he asked not to be appointed again at this time. Rev. Benny Hipps was nominated for a 2 year term pending his acceptance. The Decatur Church was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Special music was provided by Terry Thornton. He sang "Three Old Rusty Nails" and "Come Home" right before the message by Rev. Jimmy Aldridge. His message was "Getting the Gospel to Those Who Haven't Heard" from Matt. 28:16.

After the message, Bro. Mike Corley read a poster in Russian and then in English. Rev. Aldridge explained about a young pastor in Russia needing \$400 per month to meet his expenses. Rev. Hendrix then talked to the Association about making a 2 year commitment to help this young man. The following churches agreed to these amounts monthly: Madison, \$100; Cedar Creek, \$50; Decatur, \$50; and Faith \$50. A motion and second was made to give Rev. Aldridge \$100 and pay the motel bill for the Association. The offering of \$47 was also given to the Aldridges. Our meeting dismissed with prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 26, 1996

Association

Balance Forward	10-26-96	\$246.89
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Paid Out

Love Offering - Jimmy Aldridge	\$100.00
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Alabama State Association	\$450.00
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Federal Square Suites	\$37.40
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Federal Square Suites	<u>\$228.05</u>
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Total	\$815.45
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Income:	\$400.00
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\$50.00

<u>\$228.00</u>

Total:	\$678.00
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Ending Balance	4-26-97	\$109.44
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Youth - CE Board

Balance Forward	10-26-96	\$252.34
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Income:	Churches:	\$450.00
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Joint Thanksgiving Service	\$164.92
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Ending Balance	4-26-97	\$867.26
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PROCEEDINGS
The 7th Semi-Annual Meeting
April 26, 1997

The 7th Semi-Annual Association convened on April 26, 1997 at Faith Free Will Baptist Church with prayer by Bro. Rex Lash. Rev. Steven Webb, pastor, led the congregation in "Victory in Jesus" with Sister Cathy Corley at the piano. The welcome was given by Rev. Steven Webb. Our moderator, Rev. Richard Hendrix, gave the devotion from Acts 9:32-43, "Where There is Commitment, Urgency, Compassion, Gratitude, and Faith-Miracles Happen." The Association was called to order by Rev. Hendrix. The Credentials Committee was appointed. It consisted of Bro. Rex Lash, Chairman; Bro. Marshall Sherrill, and Bro. Don Townley. The Presbytery Committee will need to meet during intermission. After a short intermission, Rev. Gary Miller led the congregation in "The Gloryland Way" with Sister Cathy Corley at the piano. Rev. Jerel Reeves led in prayer.

The Credentials Committee Report was given by Bro. Rex Lash. The letters were all found in order. Midway did not send or submit a letter. A motion and second to receive this report was made. The delegates were seated. Bethel of Decatur was presented the plaque for having the most in attendance. Rev. Walter Jagers made a move to get a new attendance plaque. This was agreed upon by those in attendance. The minutes and treasurer's report was read and accepted. One correction was the change in meeting at Madison to Faith. A change in support for the Russian Pastor was for Madison to pay \$150, Faith \$100 and Bethel of Decatur \$40 monthly. The Presbytery Committee report was given by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. There were three items presented: (1) A request to ordain Bro. Daniel Vest, questions

sent need to be returned; (2) Bro. Ernie Winchester will replace Rev. Benny Hipps on the CEB; (3) Give the clerk correct addresses of pastor and churches. Those items were voted on and approved.

Rev. Hendrix then gave the Association some information on the Alabama Bible Institute. It is to reopen in Decatur, Vernon and Winfield. Rev. Eugene Waddell gave a Foreign Mission Report. One of the main items was that Mike and Cathy Corley met with the board and their preliminary application to be missionaries to Russia was approved. There was a motion and second to receive this report. A rising vote of "thanks" was given to Bro. Ernie Winchester for the beautiful banner. Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the Christian Education Board report. A motion and second was made to accept this report. Madison and Cedar Creek churches agreed to give \$50.00 each to the youth fund to help out with competition expenses. A standing vote of "thanks" for hospitality was given to Faith church. The offering was taken. Sister Janice Sherrill provided the special music singing "Testing Time" with Sister Karen Webb at the piano. Rev. Jimmy Aldridge brought the message of the day using Acts 4:33 on "Characteristics of Spirit of the Lord". After the sermon there was a motion and second to adjourn. Rev. Steven Webb dismissed in prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 26, 1997

Association

Balance Forward	4-26-97	\$109.44
Income:	4-29-97	<u>\$1200.00</u>
	6-17-97	\$1309.44
		<u>\$ 35.00</u>
Total:		\$1344.44

Expenses:

Federal Square Suites 5-7-97	\$41.65
Foreign Mission Board	\$900.00
Attendance Plaque	\$25.38
Postmaster - Stamps	<u>\$32.00</u>

Total: \$999.03

Ending Balance 10-25-97 \$345.41

Youth - CE Board

Balance Forward	4-26-97	\$867.26
Income:	5-7-97	\$190.00

Expenses:

Three Judges - District Competition	\$225.00
Soul's Harbor - CTS Awards	\$56.35
State CTS Competition Fees	<u>\$360.00</u>

Total: \$641.35

Ending Balance 10-25-97 \$415.91

PROCEEDINGS
The 32nd Annual Meeting
October 25, 1997

The 32nd annual meeting of the North Alabama District Association convened on October 25, 1997 at Bethel Free Will Baptist - Decatur. The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee" led by Bro. Raymond Mullins with Sister Kim Reeves at the piano. Rev. Lamar Cox prayed the opening prayer. Rev. Gary Miller, Assistant Moderator was presiding. The Welcome was given by Rev. Jerel Reeves with the response by Rev. Terry Drinkwater. Rev. Robert Morgan gave the devotion reading from I Peter 1.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Richard Hendrix. He appointed the following Credentials Committee: Rev. Walter Jagers, Chairman; Bro. Rodney Yerby, and Bro. Steve Reeves. The nominating committee was also appointed. Serving on that committee was Bro. Ken Michael, Chairman; Bro. Randle Lamb, and Bro. Arthur Knox. Rev. Jamie Lancaster and his family were present at our Association. He is a new missionary appointed to Uruguay. He related his family's plans to go to Montevideo. He seeks and needs support but covets prayers. After a short intermission, Bro. Terry Thornton and Sister Kim Reeves sang "The Next Time".

The Credentials Committee Report was given. All the church letters submitted were found in order. The delegates were seated. The minutes were then read and accepted. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

Moderator - Rev. Richard Hendrix

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Gary Miller

Clerk - Carolyn Michael

Assistant Clerk - Jean McCraney

Representative/Children's Home - Rev. Bill Goodwin

Christian Education Board - Bro. Shannon Hale, 3 yr. term

A motion and second was made to nominate each officer individually. This was done. There were no other nominations from the floor.

The Children's Home Report was made by Rev. Jerel Reeves. Rev. Walter Jagers made a motion to receive the report and to request that Bro. Goodwin send a written report to the Association. Rev. Jerel Reeves gave the CEB report. The report was accepted as read. Rev. Terry Drinkwater gave a report on the Bible Institute. This was received as information.

Bro. Mike Corley gave a report on the progress of his missionary status. Rev. Walter Jagers made a motion for Rev. Hendrix to invite other churches in our area to become a part of our Association. It was voted on to give \$100 to Jamie Lancaster, \$50 to Rev. Dennis Haygood, and \$50 to Bro. Mike Corley.

A vote of thanks was given to Bethel for their hospitality and food. The offering was taken of \$90.41.

The April 1998 meeting will be at Bethel of Cullman and the October 1998 meeting will be at Cedar Creek. Our 1997 Joint Thanksgiving Service will be at Soul's Harbor.

Rev. Dennis Reeves led in prayer. Two special songs "I Was There When it Happened" and "Sheltered in the Arms" were sung by Rev. Walter Jagers, Sister Lovie Jagers and Sister Angie Colwell. Rev. Gary Miler then introduced Rev. Dennis Haygood. He gave a report on Southpark Church before his message. His text was Acts 6:8-15 to tell us "How Christians Respond During Trials". Announcements were made. Rev. Kenneth Terry dismissed in prayer and the meeting adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 25, 1997

Association

Balance Forward	10-25-97	\$345.41
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Income:

Union Hill Love Offerings:

Cedar Creek	\$10 00.00
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Ebenezer	\$1000.00
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Madison	\$332.00
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Bethel (Cullman)	<u>\$100.00</u>
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Associational Dues	\$450.00
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Offering 10-25-97	<u>\$91.41</u>
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Total Income	\$2973.41
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Expenses:

Union Hill	\$2432.00
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State Dues	\$450.00
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Dennis Haygood	\$50.00
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Mike Corley	\$50.00
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Jamie Lancaster	<u>\$100.00</u>
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Total Expenses	\$2982.00
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Balance	4-25-98	\$336.82
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YOUTH FUND

October 25, 1997

Balance	10-25-97	\$415.91
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Income:

Churches	\$300.00
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Ending Balance	4-25-98	\$715.91
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

October 26, 1996

The Christian Education Committee submits this report to the annual association meeting of the North Alabama of Free Will Baptists.

Seven youth rallies have been held since last October. Two were canceled because of inclement winter weather. The average total attendance was 90. The average total youth attendance was 48.

Midway received the total attendance trophy 4 times; youth attendance trophy 6 times. Madison received the total attendance trophy 1 time. Soul's Harbor received the total attendance trophy 2 times. Cedar Creek received the total attendance trophy 1 time.

CTS competition was held at the First Free Will Baptist of Decatur in May. We had 5 churches to participate. There were 38 entries, with many (35) advancing to state competition and then on to the Nationals (21 won state).

Changing our rally date from the fourth Saturday to the first Saturday seems to have helped our scheduling conflicts we have experienced in the past.

We welcome your comments and suggestions and ask your prayers as we work for our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Education Board
Rodney Yerby
Jerel Reeves
Kenneth Terry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

April 26, 1997

We the Christian Education Board submit the following report to the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist: There were 5 youth rallies held: Nov, Jan, Feb, March, April. The average total attendance was 108. The average youth attendance was 54.

Midway Free Will Baptist Church won the total attendance trophy 5 times. Midway Free Will Baptist won the youth attendance trophy 5 times and 1 to First FWB Decatur who tied with Midway in February.

The 1997 North AL District Youth CTS competition will be held May 10, 1997 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Decatur. Registration is due May 2nd. Mail to Rodney Yerby at Madison. We encourage all of our churches to participate and attend this special event in support of our youth.

AL State CTS competition will be held at Forestdale Free Will Baptist June 5-6th with special rally on Friday night. Expenses for District and State Competition has been costing approximately \$1000.00. We currently have \$867.26. We would appreciate an offering from our churches who can help make up any shortage we may have.

Our next monthly youth rally will be on September 6. Thank you for your support and participation in our rallies. We appreciate the privilege to service our youth.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

October 25, 1997

We the Christian Education Board submit the following report to the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist: There were 6 youth rallies held during the association year. The average total attendance was 111. The average youth attendance was 56. This is an increase of 21 total and 7 youth from the previous year. Midway Free Will Baptist Church won the total attendance trophy 6 times. Midway Free Will Baptist won the youth attendance trophy 5 times.

In May, CTS competition was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur. There were 24 total entries. Thirteen entries went to the state competition in Forestdale, AL. Three churches had participants. The income and expenses were reported in the associations' treasurer's report. We thank each of you for your help this year in encouraging your youth to be involved in serving the Lord, and attending the rallies. We look forward to the next year in the North Alabama Association and believe it will be a good year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your CE Board

GUIDELINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

1. 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.
2. 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 Christian Education Board will work with the individual pastors to select sites for the monthly Youth Rallies.
3. The Associational Treasurer will serve as treasurer for this board.
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 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.

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.**

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.
- 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 finish their report.

**NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
QUESTIONS FOR LICENSING OF A MINISTER**
(Please give Scripture references to as many questions as possible)

1. Give your full name, address, and phone number.
2. What church are you currently a member of?
3. Give a short account of your call to preach.
4. Do you feel that you meet the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:1-7?
5. Have you or your wife ever been divorced?
6. What is the extent of your education?
7. List three character references, not including your family. Give their address and phone number also.
8. Is your wife a born again Christian?
9. What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, drugs, and worldly amusements?
10. Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible, Word of God, and that it is the only rule of faith and practice for a minister?
11. What do you believe about evolution and the Genesis account of Creation?
12. What is the Scriptural mode of Baptism?
13. What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?
14. What is salvation and how would you explain it to a lost soul?
15. What do you believe about apostasy and the perseverance of the saints?
16. What are the three ordinances of the Gospel that Free Will Baptist observe?
17. What is your belief about speaking in tongues?
18. Have you read the Free Will Baptist Treatise, and is there anything in it that you do not agree with, believe, or would not teach?
19. If you changed your views on any of these doctrines, what would you do?

NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION OF A MINISTER

(Please give Scripture references to as many questions as possible)

1. Give your full name, address, and phone number.
2. Briefly tell of your conversion and give reasons for your assurance of salvation.
3. Have you ever been ordained as a minister of another denomination? If so, what denomination and when? Why do you wish to become a Free Will Baptist?
4. How long have you been attending a Free Will Baptist Church?
5. Give a short account of your call to preach.
6. Do you feel that you meet the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:1-7?
7. Have you or your wife been divorced?
8. Have you ever been arrested or jailed? If so, why and when?
9. What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, and drugs?
10. Do you or your wife engage in social drinking?
11. What is your attitude toward worldly amusements such as dancing, rock music and mixed swimming? Do you or your family practice any of these?
12. What is your belief toward a saved person dating or marrying an unsaved person? Would you perform their wedding ceremony?
13. Is your wife a born-again Christian?
14. Give three character references and their complete address including phone number. (Relatives not included).
15. Do you believe in the Plenary Verbal Inspiration of the Bible? What is meant by that term?
16. Do you believe the Bible to be the all sufficient rule of faith and practice? Why?
17. What is true Biblical preaching?
18. What are at least three elements in a preacher's character that should be present for him to be successful in the ministry of the Gospel?
19. What do you believe is the Scriptural mode of baptism? Why?
20. What are the conditions of salvation?
21. Do you believe that one can commit apostasy and be lost after they have been saved? Explain fully giving scripture references.
22. Explain what is meant by the total depravity of man.

23. What is the meaning of the word "Trinity?"
24. Do you believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ?
25. Do you believe in the Deity of Christ? Give scripture to back up your answer.
26. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? When does the baptism of the Holy Spirit occur?
27. What is repentance?
28. What is regeneration?
29. What is sanctification?
30. Do you believe in an eternal, literal, fiery hell?
31. Who will go heaven?
32. Prepare, outline, and write out a sermon entitled "How you may be saved". Also write out an appropriate invitation. You may use a separate paper for this.
33. What is the Gospel? Explain.
34. What is your stand on the "Charismatic Movement" of today?
35. In your understanding, what were the "tongues" of the New Testament? What do you believe about "tongues speaking" today. Do you practice "tongues speaking" now?
36. Is salvation offered to all, or just to a foreordained elect few? Give scripture to back up your view.
37. Name those doctrines you consider to be "Fundamentals of the Faith".
38. What do you believe about evolution and the Genesis account of creation?
39. What is the Church?
40. Who is eligible for membership in the church?
41. How should the church discipline a member? Give scriptural support.
42. How should the work of the church be financed? Give scripture.
43. Do you believe and practice tithing?
44. What are the duties of a minister?
45. What is the mission of the church in light of Matthew 28:19-20?
46. What is meant by the term "free moral agent?"
47. What are the three Gospel ordinances that Free Will Baptists practice? Why do we practice them? (Give scriptural grounds for each). Will you practice and teach them?
48. Why do we hold our worship services on Sunday instead of the Sabbath?

49. Have you read the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists, and do you subscribe to the doctrines and practices outlined in it?
50. Is there anything in the treatise that you do not believe or would not teach?
51. If you ever change your views on any of these doctrines what would you do?
52. What are the grounds for relinquishing your ordination credentials?
53. What is the relationship of a local church to the denomination?
54. Are you in full accord with the programs of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists of Alabama, and if ordained, will you support its work and be governed by its actions?

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.
- 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 1 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.

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1995	April October	Madison FWB Midway FWB
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