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• CEDAR CREEK

SOUL'S HARBOR

• EBENEZER

UNITY

• BETHEL, CULLMAN

• MIDWAY

FAITH

NORTH ALABAMA

ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

**1998 - 1999
MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE **NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION** **OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS** **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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**GENERAL OFFICERS
of the
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION**

Officers for 2000-2001

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1998-1999 CEB

Bro. Shannon Hale
Rev. Kenneth Terry
Rev. Jerel Reeves

2000-2001 CEB

Bro. Shannon Hale
Rev. Jerel Reeves

Presbytery Committee

Rev. Lamar Cox, Chairman
Rev. Roger Hood
Rev. Michael Rogers

Rev. Robert Morgan
Rev. Larry McElroy
Bro. Rodney Yerby

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 8th Semi-Annual Association
April 25, 1998

The 8th Semi-Annual Association meeting convened on April 25, 1998 at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Cullman Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in "Sunlight", "Sunshine in my Soul", "Send the Light", and "He is Lord" with Sister Angie Collier at the piano. Rev. Gary Miller led the opening prayer. The Welcome was given by Rev. Lamar Cox with the response made by Rev. Richard Hendrix. Bro. Mike Corley gave a devotion from II Timothy 1:16 on "Commitment to the Lord". He also gave a report on Komoslav, Russia.

Rev. Kenneth Terry then led in prayer. Rev. Richard Hendrix called the Association to order. He then appointed Bro. Ken Michael and Bro. Arthur Knox in the absence of some other members to serve on the Presbytery committee to examine Rev. Larry McElroy, Bro. Mike Corley, Rev. Robert Morgan, and Rev. Roger Hood. A credentials committee consisting of Bro. Billy Vest, chairman, Bro. Randall Lamb, and Bro. Raymond Mullins was appointed to examine the letters.

After the intermission, Bro. Rodney Yerby led in singing "He Set Me Free", "Victory in Jesus", "Standing on the Promises", and "In My Life, Lord" with Sis. Angie Collier at the piano. Rev. Roger Hood led in prayer. The credentials committee report was given by Bro. Billy Vest. The letters were in order and the delegates seated. The minutes of the last Annual Association were read and the treasurer's report given. Rev. Terry Drinkwater gave the Presbytery Committee report. There was a motion and second to receive the report as read. Then the right hand of fellowship was given to the Unity Free Will Baptist Church as new members of the Association. It was announced that Nocolai Sobeylef will speak July 8th at the Madison church and Bro. Mike Corley will be ordained.

The CEB report was given. CTS competition will be May 9th at Soul's Harbor. There was a move and second to accept this report.

Rev. Jerel Reeves related plans of maybe moving Bethel of Decatur to Tanner. He asked for prayers in this.

Rev. Rick Cash gave a report on the Promotional Office. And a report on the Youth Camp. Rev. Terry Drinkwater reported on the Alabama Bible Institute. Rev. Richard Hendrix appointed Rev. Lamar Cox as the chairman of the Presbytery Committee since Rev. Drinkwater is moving to South Alabama. He also appointed Rev. Roger Hood as a member of this committee.

An offering of \$118 was taken. Sis. Lucy Cox sang two specials "Somebody's Praying for Me" and "Midnight Cry" right before the message. Rev. Trymon Messer preached from Exodus 3:1-10 on "A God Who Know, Sees, Hears, Cares, and Sends".

A motion was made to give Bethel a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Madison received the plaque for most in attendance. Rev. Lamar Cox gave directions for lunch and then dismissed in prayer.

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that Unity FWB church be received into the fellowship of North Alabama Association
2. After examination of Bro. Robert Morgan, pastor of Unity FWB, we recommend that he be received into fellowship of this association.
3. After examination of Bro. Roger Hood, pastor of Ebenezer FWB, we recommend that he be received into the fellowship of this association.
4. After examination of Bro. Larry McElroy, member of Cedar Creek FWB, we recommend that he be received into the fellowship of this association, and that new papers of ordination be given to him upon receipt of letter of good standing from previous association.
5. After examination of Bro. Mike Corley, and finding him to be of sound doctrine, we recommend he be ordained to preach the gospel.
6. The committee considered the recommendation by the Foreign Missions Department to decrease giving to the Russian work by 20% a year. After discussion, we recommend that this association encourage our churches to continue support to the Russian work at 100% until we are notified that it is no longer needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 25, 1998

Association

Balance Forward 4-25-98		\$228.71
Income:	\$1,490.20	
Offerings:	<u>\$216.80</u>	
	\$1,707.00	
Paid Out:		
Rev. Trymon Messer	\$500.00	
Rev. Rick Cash	\$500.00	
Mission Conference Lodging	\$475.20	
Old Camp Meeting Team Lodging	\$79.20	
Stamps	<u>\$35.00</u>	
Total		\$1589.40
Ending Balance 10-24-98		\$346.31

Youth Fund

Balance Forward	4-25-98	\$790.91
Income:		
Cedar Creek	\$25.00	
Bethel (Decatur)	\$25.00	
Bethel (Cullman)	<u>\$118.00</u>	
Total		\$168.00
Paid Out:		
Competition Judges	\$225.00	
Awards (CTS)	<u>\$176.18</u>	
Total		\$401.18
Ending Balance 10-24-98		\$557.73

PROCEEDINGS
The 33rd Annual Association
October 24, 1998

The 33rd annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on October 24, 1998 at Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Hartselle, AL. The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven" led by Rev. Richard Hendrix with Sis. Juanita Jones at the piano. Bro. Shannon Hale prayed the opening prayer. The Welcome was given by Bro. Arthur Knox with a response from Rev. Richard Hendrix. Bro. Wil Daly gave the devotion reading from Phil. 4:6-9 using the thought "Victory Over Worry". Rev. Richard Hendrix, Moderator, called the meeting to order. He appointed the following for the credentials committee: Bro. Arthur Knox, Chairman; Bro. Thomas Hale; and Bro. Charles Pennington. Bro. Rodney Yerby and Rev. Gary Miller were appointed to serve on the Presbytery Committee. After the intermission, the congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Bro. Charles Pennington led in prayer. Bro. Arthur Knox gave the Credentials Committee report. The letters were in order. The delegates were seated.

Sis. Myrna Montgomery read the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report. They were accepted as read. Bro. Rodney Yerby gave the Presbytery report. A motion and second was made to receive this report as read. The recommendations were as follows:

- (1) Acknowledge receipt of letter of Good Standing for Rev. Roger Hood. The committee examined it and found it in order.
- (2) Honor Bro. Bill Goodwin for 20 years of service on the Childrens' Home Board with a plaque and a small gift to be presented at the next Association meeting.
- (3) Elect Rev. Roger Hood as our new representative to the Childrens' Home Board.

That the Association appoint a committee consisting of the Moderator, Rev. Richard Hendrix, Chairman of Presbytery Committee, Rev. Lamar Cox and Rev. Roger Hood to revise the questionnaires used for licensing and ordination of a minister.

Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the CEB report. There was a move and second to accept the report. The CTS meetings for the following months were named:

Nov. 7, 1998 - Midway FWB; Jan. 2, 1999 - Unity FWB

Feb. 6, 1999 - Soul's Harbor FWB; Mar. 6, 1999 - Bethel, Cullman

April 3, 1999 - Bethel, Tanner

Rev. Jerel Reeves said they would be moving to Tanner in 1999. Rev. Richard Hendrix asked each church to support this work with their prayers and money. It was announced that the State Association would be at Madison FWB Church on November 5-6, 1998. There was a total of 56 in attendance. Soul's Harbor received the plaque for the most in attendance. A motion and second were made that the church that received the plaque three times in a row gets to keep it.

First Free Will Baptist, Decatur will host the Association meeting and Old Time Camp Meeting April 16, 17, 1999. Ebenezer will host the Annual meeting in October 1999.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the business meeting. An offering of \$63.75 was received. Bro. Shannon Hale prayed the offeratory prayer. Sis. Juanita Jones played "The Way That He Loves". We then sang "The Old Gospel Ship". Sis. Cozie Holmes and Sis. Jones sang "Sweet Beulah Land". Rev. Roger Hood brought the message. His text was John 4:5-35 using the last part of verse 35 as his main topic, "The Fields are White to Harvest". After the message, a vote of thanks was given the host church for their hospitality. Bro. Charles Pennington prayed the blessing on the food and dismissed the service.

TREASURER'S REPORT **October 24, 1998**

Association

Balance Forward	10-24-98	\$346.31
Paid Out		
AL State Assoc. Dues		\$500.00
Missionary Conference Lodging		\$459.80
Rousseau's Awards		\$18.25
FFWB (Decatur) Reimbursement		<u>\$5.00</u>
Total		\$983.05

Income:

Association Churches	\$500.00
Cedar Creek, Ebenezer, FFWB, Decatur	\$459.80
Soul's Harbor, Madison	
Offering - Oct. Association	<u>\$63.75</u>
Total:	\$1023.55
Ending Balance 4-17-99	\$391.81

Youth

Balance Forward	10-24-98	\$557.73
No Expenses Since October		

Income:

Soul's Harbor	\$250.00	
Midway	\$25.00	
Unity	\$25.00	
Ebenezer	\$25.00	
Bethel (Tanner)	\$25.00	
Cedar Creek	\$25.00	
11-25-98 Deposit	<u>\$75.00</u>	
Total		\$450.00
Ending Balance	4-17-99	\$1007.32

PROCEEDINGS
The 9th Semi-Annual Meeting
April 17, 1999

The 9th Semi-Annual Association convened on April 26, 1997 at First Free Will Baptist of Decatur. Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in "This is the Day", "Family of God", and "To God Be The Glory" with Bro. Jim Carnes at the piano and Sis. Linda Carnes at the organ. Rev. William McElroy prayed the opening prayer. Rev. Dennis Reeves gave the Welcome.

The devotion was given by Rev. Jimmy Aldridge. He read from James 4:8 and Joshua 24:15 with the thought "There is a Choice of God".

He then gave a report of different foreign missions. This was received as information.

Rev. Richard Hendrix, Moderator, called the meeting to order. There was a motion and second to receive the church letters and seat the delegates. Bethel of Tanner received the plaque for the most in attendance.

The moderator appointed a credentials committee. Those serving were Rev. William L. McElroy, chairman; Bro. Billy Vest; Bro. Ray Jabonowski; and Bro. Eric Hale. Rev. Jerel Reeves gave a report on the new church at Tanner. The dedication service will be April 18, 1999. After the intermission, Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in "We Have Come Into His House". Bro. Shannon Hale led in prayer.

Bro. Billy Vest gave the credentials committee report. All letters received were in order. Midway did not report. There was a motion and second to receive the report.

The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as read. Rev. Jerel Reeves gave the Christian Education Board report. It was received as read. Rev. Roger Hood reported on proceedings of the Presbytery committee. There were three items to be voted on item by item: (1) That Kenneth A. Reeves be accepted as a member of the North Alabama Association to be added to our list of ordained ministers and issued a card in good standing; (2) That we drop the current questions for ordination of ministers and re-adopt the previous questions; (3) That the CE Board implement the current guidelines on page 19, article 2. Also review the current schedule with the pastors and report back in October 1999 with recommendations. The motion carried to accept these recommendations.

An offering of \$80.05 was received. Bro. Rodney Yerby led in "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Rev. Richard Hendrix introduced Dr. John Chang from Korea as our guest speaker. Before the message, Bro. Paul Jones and Dr. Chang sang "How Great Thou Art" in English and Korean. Dr. Chang read Romans 1:16. His inspiring message was "What Is The Gospel".

Rev. Jerel Reeves dismissed our meeting with prayer. A vote of appreciation was given to the Decatur church for the good hospitality and food.

*Midway sent letter and representation fee of \$35.00 to clerk after Association meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT **April 17, 1999**

Association

Balance Forward	4-17-99	\$391.81
Income:	Assoc. Rep Fees	\$300.00
	Fri. Night Offering 4-16-99	\$255.00
	Sat. Morning Offering 4-17-99	\$80.05
	\$100 per Church (Old Camp Meeting	<u>\$900.00</u>
Total:		\$1585.05
Expenses:		
	Foreign Mission: Rev. Jimmy Aldridge	\$350.00
	Rev. John Chang	\$600.00
	Reimburse Clerk	
	(Gift for Rev. Goodwin)	<u>\$8.60</u>
Total:		\$1208.60

Ending Balance 10-16-99 \$768.26

Youth

Balance Forward	4-17-99	\$1007.32
Income:	District Churches	\$345.00
Expenses:		
	Soul's Harbor/Competition Awards	\$151.28
	Entry Fees/State Competition	<u>\$340.00</u>
Total:		\$491.28

Ending Balance 10-16-99 \$861.45

PROCEEDINGS
The 34th Annual Meeting
October 16, 1999

The 34th annual meeting of the North Alabama District Association convened on October 16, 1999 at Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Shannon Hale led the congregation in singing "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Come Unto Me" with Sister Patsy Hale at the piano. Rev. Gary Miller prayed the opening prayer. The Welcome was given by Rev. Roger Hood. Rev. Greg Rucker, new pastor for First Free Will of Decatur brought the devotion from John 1:6 "Lessons in Humility".

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Richard Hendrix. He appointed the following Credentials Committee: Rev. Gary Miller, Chairman; Rev. Walter Jagers, and Bro. Arthur Knox. The nominating committee appointed was: Bro. Ken Michael, Chairman; Bro. Paul Jones, and Rev. William McElroy. Bro. Rodney Yerby was appointed to serve on the Presbytery Committee. Bro. Paul Jones asked to be taken off the Presbytery Committee. Rev. Michael Rogers led in prayer.. After a short intermission, Bro. Shannon Hale led in singing "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "He Lives". Rev. Gary Miler gave the credentials committee report. All letters were found to be in order. First Free Will of Decatur will send in their representation fee on Monday. There was a motion and second to accept the report.

The delegates were seated and the minutes read. The treasurer's report was given. Both were accepted as read. Bro. Rodney Yerby gave the Presbytery Committee report. There were four items discussed. They were: (1) Recommends acceptance of Rev. Greg Rucker into fellowship of association upon receipt of letter from Jasper Association; (2) That our Camp Meeting focus on Home Missions in April and our Annual Meeting in Oct. focus on Foreign Missions; (3) That a suggestion be made to the State Association that they study the issue of reorganizing district associations with geographic considerations in mind to promote increased fellowship at the local association level and (4) that a list of non-affiliated Free Will Baptist churches in our area be compiled and published in our minutes. These were voted on item by item. Each one passed with a motion and second.

The nominating committee report was given by Bro. Ken Michael. The officers nominated are: Moderator - Rev. Richard Hendrix; Assistant Moderator - Rev. Gary Miller; Clerk - Sister Carolyn Michael; Assistant Clerk - Sister Jean McCraney. Rev. Miller directed vote for moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none and these officers were voted in. Rev. Hendrix led the vote for Assistant Moderator. There were no nominations from the floor. Rev. Kenneth Terry did not wish to be re-nominated for the CEB. Instead of getting a nomination from the floor, the recommendation of Rev. Hendrix was to empower the CE Board along with the moderator and assistant moderator to pray and talk with the CE Board to interview and find out who wants to serve on this board.

Rev. Richard Hendrix presented a gift and plaque to Rev. Bill Goodwin for his 20 years of service on the Children's Home Board. Rev. Roger Hood gave a report from the Children's Home Board. There was motion and second to receive this report as information. Bro. Shannon Hale gave the CE Board report. It was received as read. Information was given by Rev. Richard Hendrix on the South Huntsville mission church. The joint Thanksgiving service, Tuesday, November 24th will be at First FWB of Decatur. Association meetings for the years 2000 were set for April at Madison and October at Bethel, Cullman.

Bethel of Tanner will receive the plaque for having the most in attendance today. We were reminded that when a church receives (the plaque) three times in a row, they get to keep it.

Sister Marie Terry and Sister Patsy Hale sang a special "When I Knelt, the Blood Fell". An offering of \$82.74 was received after Bro. Arthur Knox prayed. Bro. Shannon Hale led in "Living by Faith". The message was brought by Rev. Michael Rogers. His text was Rev. 10:5,6 and Eph. 5:15,16. We were reminded that there needs to be an urgency in serving God and to redeem our time.

Rev. Richard Hendrix asked everyone to stand for a "Rising vote of thanks" to the Ebenezer Church for their hospitality and food. Rev. Bill Goodwin dismissed the association in prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT
October 16, 1999

Association		
Balance Forward	10-16-99	\$768.26
Income:		
	Offering (10-16-99)	\$97.74
	Representation Fees	<u>\$850.00</u>
Total Income		\$947.74
Expenses:		
	State Dues	\$850.00
	Plaque/Attendance	<u>\$28.62</u>
Total Expenses		\$878.62
Balance	4-15-00	\$837.38

Youth

Balance	10-16-99	\$861.45
Income:		
	Cedar Creek	\$50.00
		<u>\$25.00</u>
Total		\$75.00

No Expenses Since October

Ending Balance	4-15-00	\$936.45
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

April 24, 1998

We the Christian Education Board submit the following report to the North Alabama Association of Free Will

Baptist:

There were 5 youth Rallies held since the October associational meeting.

The average total attendance was 133.

The average youth attendance was 69.

This is an increase of 22 total and 13 youth from the previous report.

The previous record high attendance was exceeded twice with the new record now standing at 160 in total and 88 in youth attendance.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur won the total attendance trophy 3 times.

Midway Free Will Baptist Church of Hanceville won the youth attendance trophy 3 times.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH THESE HARD WORKING CHURCHES!

CTS competition will held at the Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church at Vinemont on MAY 9TH, 1998 AT 9:00 A.M. The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur will provide refreshments for the meeting. Bro. Jerry Caraway and the group Evidence will be our judges for this year, competition.

The income and expenses were reported in the associational treasurer's report. We encourage each church to send a voluntary offering of \$25.00 each month that we have a youth rally. This offering will help to meet the expenses of the CTS expenses each year.

We thank each of you for your help in encouraging your youth to attend and be involved in serving the Lord, through our associational youth rallies. We are looking forward to the remainder of the Associational year in the North Alabama Association and the continued blessings of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted by
Your Christian Education
Board,

Kenneth Terry
Jerel Reeves
Shannon Hale

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

October 24, 1998

We the Christian Education Board submit the following report to the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist.

There were 6 rallies held since the 1997 Association meeting.

The average total attendance was 136. The average youth attendance was 72.

The high attendance for this reporting period is 160 total and 88 youth at Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church. Which are new records.

There was an increase in average attendance of 3 total and 3 youth from the previous report.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Decatur won the total attendance award the most, 4 times.

Midway Free Will Baptist Hanceville won the youth award the most, 4 times.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE HARD WORKING CHURCHES!!

The 1998 CTS Competition was held at Soul's Harbor and on May the 9th.

1. There were 42 entries and 68 entrants from 5 churches.
2. 28 entries went on to participate at the state competition in Forrestdale.
3. There were 19 first place finishes at state.

The financial report was included in the treasurers' report. Please continue to support the C.E. Board's financial needs with your monthly \$25.00 Volunteer donations.

Thank you for the great support we are receiving from our member churches. Please keep your CE Board on your prayer list.

Respectfully Submitted,
CE Board Members

Rev. Jerel Reeves
Rev. Kenneth Terry
Bro. Shannon Hale

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

April 17, 1999

We the Christian Education Board submit the following report to the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist:

There were 5 youth Rallies held since the October associational meeting.

The average total attendance was 113.

The average youth attendance was 55.

This is a decrease of 20 total and 14 youth from the same period of last year's report.

The previous record high attendances stand at 160 for the total attendance and 88 for the total youth attendance. The high total attendance for this reporting period was 148, and the total high youth attendance was 71.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Tanner won the total attendance trophy 3 times.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Tanner won the youth attendance trophy 3 times.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS HARD WORKING CHURCH!

We the Christian Education Board would like to thank each of the churches who hosted these rallies, for their generosity and hospitality. The programs were a blessing to all.

CTS competition will held at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at Tanner on MAY 8TH, 1998 AT 9:00 A.M. Bro. Bobby Edwards and two other members of Legacy of Praise will be our judges for this year, competition. Registration for the competition will be due April the 24th. Please send them to Bro.

Rodney Yerby for processing.

The income and expenses were reported in the associational treasurer's report. We encourage each church to send a voluntary offering of \$25.00 each month that we have a youth rally. This offering will help to meet the expenses of the CTS expenses each year.

We thank each of you for your help in encouraging your youth to attend and be involved in serving the Lord, through our associational youth rallies. We are looking forward to the remainder of the Associational year in the North Alabama Association and the continued blessings of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted by
Your Christian Education Board,
Kenneth Terry
Jerel Reeves

C. E. Board
Recommendations to the North Alabama Association
October 16, 1999

C.E. Board has contacted the churches of the association and held three meetings during the summer with the church representatives who attended. During those meetings we discussed ways we could improve our associational youth meetings. We talked about the guidelines as currently stated in our minutes. There was agreement that the following changes be proposed to the association.

1. That the churches hosting the youth rallies continue as in recent times to plan the programs. That the youth of the host church, the youth director, and the pastor work together to accomplish this.
2. That the months the rallies are being held be changed from the months of the school year to the following months: October, December, February, April, June, and August.
 - A. That our CTS Competition be held the second Saturday in May.
 - B. That the associational Youth Rally for June be held in combination with the CTS State youth rally on Friday night at Forrestdale FWB Church.
3. That there be an annual planning meeting in September of each year, for the purpose of selecting a theme, a Scripture, and scheduling the rallies for the next year. (Dates and locations)
4. That in January of each year we conduct a C T S workshop or seminar to help each of our churches prepare and to get their youth involved in CTS.
5. That we talk with our church pastors and plan a youth revival in March of this next year.
6. If these recommendations meet with approval of the association, that the following theme and Scripture be adopted for the Youth Rallies this coming associational year: "FOCUS ON THE FUTURE"
7. That rallies be held at the following churches at their invitation:
December: Bethel , Tanner
February: Ebenezer
April: Cedar Creek, Hartselle
June: Forrestdale FWB, Forrestdale
August: Soul's Harbor, Vinemont
October: Madison
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January: CTS Work shop  
March: Youth Revival,  
May: CTS Competition, Unity  
September: Planning Meeting

NOTE: Rallies begin at 6:00 P.M. (Except June, 7:00 P.M.)

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

**October 16, 1999**

We the Christian Education Board submit the following report to the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptist:

There were 6 youth Rallies held since the October associational meeting.

The average total attendance was 109.

The average youth attendance was 57.

This is a decrease of 4 total and an increase of 2 youth from the same period of last year's report.

The previous record high attendances stand at 160 for the total attendance and 88 for the total youth attendance. The high total attendance for this reporting period was 148, and the total high youth attendance was 71.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Tanner won the total attendance trophy 5 times.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Tanner won the youth attendance trophy 4 times.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS HARD WORKING CHURCH!**

We the Christian Education Board would like to thank each of the churches who hosted these rallies, for their generosity and hospitality. The programs were a blessing to all.

CTS competition was held at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at Tanner on May 8th, 1999 AT 9:00 A.M. There were 28 entries and 38 entrants. Of these 28 entries, 20 went on to state competition. 8 of these went on to Nationals. There were 6 number 1 ratings. There were 4 placings, all from Madison, those being Whitney Bridges with a 1st place, Caleb Rogers and Janah Pool both with 2nd places, and Heather Bridges with a 3rd place. We are very proud of all our entrants!

We thank each of you for your help in encouraging your youth to attend and be involved in serving the Lord, through our associational youth rallies. We are looking forward to the remainder of the Associational year in the North Alabama Association and the continued blessings of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Your Christian Education Board,

Kenneth Terry  
Jerel Reeves  
Shannon Hale

## **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 AND ORDAINING 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?



## **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.

# DIRECTORY

## Ordained Ministers

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| <b><u>Bethel - Cullman</u></b><br>*Rev. Lamar Cox<br>2084 U.S. Highway 278E<br>Cullman, AL 35055<br>(256) 734-9152                                                                                     | <b><u>First FWB - Decatur</u></b><br>*Rev. Greg Rucker<br>809 Westwood Dr. SW<br>Decatur, AL 35601<br>(256) 353-5822                                                                                                | <b><u>Unity</u></b><br>*Rev. Robert Morgan<br>2744 Lawrence Cove Rd.<br>Eva, AL 35621<br>(256) 482-4751                                                                                       |
| <b><u>Bethel - Tanner</u></b><br>*Rev. Jerel Reeves<br>P.O. Box 239<br>Falkville, AL 35622<br>(256) 352-9965<br><br>Rev. Walter Jagers<br>202 Brookhaven St. SW<br>Decatur, AL 35601<br>(256) 353-9055 | <b><u>Madison</u></b><br>Rev. Richard Hendrix<br>138 Lewis Lane<br>Madison, AL 35758<br>(256) 461-7453<br><br>Rev. Michael Rogers<br>(Associate Pastor)<br>202 Patricia Road<br>Madison, AL 35758<br>(256) 971-0877 | Rev. Truman Shaddrix<br>(Associate Pastor)<br>1221 Parker Rd. SE<br>Hartselle, AL 35640<br>(256) 773-6394<br><br>Rev. Enoch Grave<br>812 Co. Rd. 1355<br>Vinemont, AL 35179<br>(256) 734-8794 |
| <b><u>Ebenezer</u></b><br>*Rev. Roger Hood<br>147 Hills Chapel Rd.<br>Falkville, AL 35622<br>(256) 737-9598<br><br>Rev. Gary Miller<br>846 East Lacon Rd.<br>Falkville, AL 35622<br>(256) 784-5717     | Rev. Mike Corley<br>111 Bibb Drive<br>Madison, AL 35758<br>(256) 461-8936<br>(Missionary at Present<br>To Chelybinsk, Russia)                                                                                       | Rev. Cliff Barger<br>1952 Eva Road<br>Eva, AL 35621                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><u>Faith</u></b><br>*Rev. Steven Webb<br>6254 Spring Hollow Rd.<br>Gardendale, AL 35071<br>(205) 798-0616                                                                                           | <b><u>Midway</u></b><br>*Rev. Laverne Mitchell<br>105 Co. Rd. 1234<br>Vinemont, AL 35179<br>(256) 739-1261                                                                                                          | <b><u>Minister/Member of Non-Association Church</u></b><br>Rev. Bill Goodwin<br>1112 County Rd. 420<br>Cullman, AL 35057<br>(256) 739-1922                                                    |
| <b><u>Cedar Creek</u></b><br>*Rev. William McElroy<br>1301 Cedar Creek Rd SE<br>Hartselle, AL 35640<br>(256) 773-2603                                                                                  | <b><u>Soul's Harbor</u></b><br>*Rev. Kenneth Terry<br>177 Co. Rd. 1285<br>Vinemont, AL 35179<br>(256) 739-6739<br><br>Rev. Dennis Reeves<br>31391 U.S. Hiway 31<br>Vinemont, AL 35179<br>(256) 734-8115             | Rev. Kenneth Reeves<br>841 Co. Rd. 1338<br>Vinemont, AL 35179<br>(256) 739-0188                                                                                                               |

\*Denotes Pastors

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Redstone Arsenal, AL 35897  
(256) 830-6604



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| <p><b>Bethel-Cullman</b><br/> Benny Lindsey<br/> 7881 Co. Rd 1435<br/> Vinemont, AL 35179<br/> (205) 734-9152</p>                                                                                                       | <p><b>Ebenezer</b><br/> Johnny Brown<br/> 143 Armstrong Road<br/> Eva, AL 35621<br/> (256) 796-6907</p>      | <p><b>Cedar Creek</b><br/> Albert Henry<br/> 3469 Huckaby Br Rd<br/> Hartselle, AL 35640<br/> (205) 773-9543</p>                                                                   |
| <p><b>Bethel - Tanner</b><br/> Raymond Mullins<br/> 13695 Garden Way<br/> Rt. 12, Box 498<br/> Athens, AL 35611<br/> (205) 729-6205</p>                                                                                 | <p>Bobby Chaney<br/> 4011 Hiway 31, S.W.<br/> Falkville, AL 35622<br/> (256) 784-4696</p>                    | <p>Arthur Knox<br/> 305 Gilchrist Street<br/> Hartselle, AL 35640<br/> (205) 773-5126</p>                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Faith</b><br/> Ernie Winchester<br/> 5018 Forestwood Road<br/> Adamsville, AL 35005<br/> (205) 674-9051</p> <p>Marshall Sherrill<br/> 408 5<sup>th</sup> St., South<br/> Docena, AL 35214<br/> (205) 791-0513</p> | <p>Billy Vest<br/> 20 Canary Private Dr.<br/> Falkville, AL 35622<br/> (256) 784-5042</p>                    | <p>Jerald Wiley<br/> 1369 Thompson Road<br/> Hartselle, AL 35640<br/> (205) 773-4608</p>                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Soul's Harbor</b><br/> Bud Cagle<br/> 1939 Co. Rd. 1282<br/> Falkville, AL 35622<br/> (205) 739-1731</p> <p>Donnie Yates<br/> 614 Co. Rd 1436<br/> Vinemont, AL 35179<br/> (205) 739-6076</p>                     | <p><b>Midway</b><br/> Marvin Nail<br/> 1409 Edward Street<br/> Hanceville, AL 35077<br/> (205) 352-4265</p>  | <p><b>Unity</b><br/> Kenneth Martin<br/> 362 Co. Rd. 1272<br/> Vinemont, AL 35179<br/> (256) 734-9515</p>                                                                          |
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Falkville, AL 35622  
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Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church  
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Laodicia Free Will Baptist Church  
841 County Rd. 1338  
Vinemont, AL 35179  
(256) 739-0188

Southpark Free Will Baptist Church  
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(256) 881-4410 (683-5068)

First Free Will Baptist, Cullman  
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Cullman, AL 35055

# **NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS**

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| 1994 | April<br>October | First FWB - Decatur<br>Cedar Creek     |
| 1995 | April<br>October | Madison<br>Midway                      |
| 1996 | April<br>October | Ebenezer<br>First FWB - Decatur        |
| 1997 | April<br>October | Faith (Adamsville)<br>Bethel - Decatur |
| 1998 | April<br>October | Bethel - Cullman<br>Cedar Creek        |
| 1999 | April<br>October | First FWB - Decatur<br>Ebenezer        |
| 2000 | April<br>October | Madison<br>Bethel - Cullman            |
| 2001 | April            | _____                                  |
|      | October          | _____                                  |



## NOTES



