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NORTHALABAMA

ASSOCIATION

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Minutes 2000-2001

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## GENERAL OFFICERS of the NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

#### Officers for 2000-2001

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Bro. Shannon Hale Rev. Jerel Reeves

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Rev. Roger Hood, Chairman

Rev. Lamar Cox

Rev. Gary Miller

Rev. Bill Goodwin

Rev. Kenneth Terry

Rev. Truman Shaddrix

#### NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

1998	April	Bethel - Cullman
	October	Cedar Creek
1999	April	1st FWB - Decatur
	October	Ebenezer
2000	April	Madison
	October	Bethel - Cullman
2001	April	Soul's Harbor
	October	Bethel – Tanner
2002	April	Ebenezer
	October	
2003	April	
	October	<del></del>

#### **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 10th Semi-Annual Meeting April 15, 2000

The 10th Semi-Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on April 15, 2000 at the Madison Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in singing "I'll Just Keep Trusting My Lord" and "Just Over in the Gloryland" with Sister Carolyn Hendrix at the piano. Bro. Rodger Salkil led in prayer. Bro. Wil Daly welcomed everyone to Madison and the Association meeting.

Devotion was given by Bro. Andy Thompson. His text was Jeremiah 18:12 on "The Way to Godly Planning". To do this we need to rely on God's knowledge.

Special prayer requests were made and Rev. Michael Rogers led in prayer for these.

Rev. Richard Hendrix, moderator, called the meeting to order. He then appointed the Credentials Committee with Rev. Kenneth Terry, Chairman; Bro. Steve Reeves, Rev. Laverne Mitchell, Rev. Greg Rucker and Bro. Lee Davenport were appointed to serve on the Presbytery Committee for today. They will meet during intermission.

After the intermission, Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in "I Love Him Better Every Day". Rev. Greg Rucker led in prayer.

Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the Credentials Report. The letters were found to be in order. Ebenezer did not report to the Association. Bro. Terry recommended the delegates to be seated. There was motion and second. The delegates were seated.

The minutes and treasurer's report was accepted as read. Bethel of Tanner won the plaque for having the most in attendance (This was three times in a row). Our total attendance was 56 with 3 of these being visitors.

The Presbytery Committee Report was given by Bro. Rodney Yerby. Laodicea Church is asking to join the Association. There was a motion to table this request until October and ask that Laodicea Church send someone to the Association meeting. The second order of business was a motion that the chairman of the Presbytery Committee send a letter of encouragement to each Pastor/Church to participate in the Association.

Rev. Jerel Reeves gave the Christian Education Board Report.

Rev. Hendrix gave the Right Hand of Fellowship to Rev. Greg Rucker and Rev. Laverne Mitchell.

An offering of \$92.00 was taken. Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in singing "Mansion Over the Hilltop", 'I'll Fly Away", and "When We All Get to Heaven".

Rev. Dennis Haygood gave us information on the Southpark Free Will Baptist Mission Church. He asked that we continue to pray for them.

Angela Thompson sang "Who Will Call Him King of Kings". Rev. Cliff Donaho and his wife, Kathy, sang "I'm Free at Last," before the message by Rev. Donaho. He preached on "What to Do When You Are In the Valley" from Joel 3. We find that character and integrity come forth from our trials. We'll either get bitter or better. We need to (1) be patient (Psalm 27:14, (2) be prayerful (Phil. 4), and (3) be persistent (II Cor. 4:8)

After an invitation, Rev. Gary Miller gave thanks for lunch and appreciation to the Madison Church for hosting the Association.

Rev. Larry McElroy dismissed the Association in prayer.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT April 15, 2000

Associatio			<b>\$</b> \$27.25
Balance 4-			\$837.35
1110	come:	621 <i>E</i> 00	
•	April Assoc. Rep. Fees:	\$315.00	
	Old Camp Meeting	\$800.00	
	Offerings – Fri.	\$126.25	·
	Offerings – Sat.	<u>\$92.00</u>	
	Total	\$1,333.25	
	penses:	• • • • •	
M	inutes (April 2000)	\$127.76	
Sta	amps	\$33.00	
At	tendance Plaque	\$27.54	
Fe	deral Square Suites	\$41.80	
(	Bro. Donaho)		
Br	o. Rick Cash	\$600,00	
Br	o. Cliff Donaho	\$600.00	
Re	eimburse Bro. Gary Miller	\$108.00	
(	Flowers/Bro. Mitchell)		
	Total Expenses	\$1,538.10	
10-21-00	Total Balance	·	\$632.53
Youth Fu	<u>nd</u>		
Balance 4-	15-00	\$936.45	
In	come:		
	Cedar Creek	\$25.00	
Ex	kpenses:	-	
J	udges for District Competition	\$90.00	
	(3@\$30/each)		
	Competition Awards/	\$148.44	
	Reimb. Soul's Harbor		
A	Alabama State C.E. Board	\$400.00	
	Total Expenses	\$638.44	
10.01.00	•		<b>###</b>
10-21-00	Total Balance		\$323.01

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

### The 35th Annual Association October 21, 2000

The 35th Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on October 21, 2000 at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Cullman. Bro. Shannon Hale led the congregation in "Living By Faith" and "Victory in Jesus". Rev. Roger Hood led in prayer.

The Welcome was given by Rev. Lamar Cox. He also read Pslam 122:1 and led in prayer.

Rev. Richard Hendrix introduced Bro. Darin Gibbs who brought the morning devotion from Nehemiah 4:1-17. He spoke of opposition, vision, and challenge.

The call to order for the Association was made by Rev. Richard Hendrix. He then appointed a credentials committee consisting of Bro. Arthur Knox, Chairman, Bro. Ron McCraney, Bro. Shannon Hale, and Bro. Andy Thompson. He also appointed a nominating committee consisting of Bro. Ken Michael, Chairman; Bro. Billy Vest,; and Rev. Truman Shaddrix.

After a short intermission, Bro. Shannon Hale led "He Lives" with Sister Patsy Hale at the piano.

Bro. Arthur Knox gave the Credentials report. All the letters were examined and found in order. Midway Free Will Baptist did not report.\*

Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the Presbytery Committee report. They recommended that non-member ministers of non-affiliated churches keep in touch with Association clerk. It was also recommended that those who have passed away in member church be recognized with a moment of silence after their names are read. They were Bro. Billy Pitt, Sister Sallie Dutton, Bro. Fornie Pruitt from Cedar Creek; Sister Cordelia Chicarello from Faith; Sister Ruth Hardy from 1st FWB, Decatur; Bro. Oliver Harshaw from Madison; Rev. Laverne Mitchell and Bro. Al J. Graham from Midway; and Sister Dorothy Fleischamel, Sister Opal Denton, Sister Loil Childers from Unity. Rev. Terry then led in prayer. The report was received and voted on.

Rev. Roger Hood gave a report from the Children's Home. He encouraged the churches to continue to send finances to help out. His report was voted on and received as information.

Rev. Richard Hendrix gave some information on some of the mission churches.

Bro. Shannon Hale gave the Christian Education Board report. He welcomed Bro. Darin Gibbs as a new member to the board. Bro. Hale made note that the numbers on the Youth Rally hasn't changed in two years. He asked for permission of the Association to endorse taking groups to outside events. There was motion and second to receive this report.

Bro. Ken Michael gave the nominating committee report. Officers were voted on item by item. There were no new nominations from the floor. The officers for the year 2001-2002 are as follows: Moderator, Rev. Richard Hendrix; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Gary Miller; Clerk, Sister Carolyn Michael; and Assistant Clerk, Sister Jean McCraney.

Rev. Hendrix appointed a new Presbytery Committee. They are: Rev. Roger Hood, Rev. Lamar Cox, Rev. Gary Miller, Rev. Bill Goodwin, Rev. Kenneth Terry, and Rev. Truman Shaddrix, Alternate.

The Association Joint Thanksgiving Service will be at Madison on November 21, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel of Tanner received the attendance plaque for the 4th time in a row.

An offering of \$90.00 was received after Rev. Bill Goodwin led in prayer.

The Association will meet in April 2001 at Soul's Harbor and in October 2001 at Bethel of Tanner.

Bro. Shannon Hale led the congregation in "The Lily of the Valley." Sister Lucy Cox then sang "I've Had A Wonderful Life."

Rev. Rick Bowling, who is developing a new Hispanic Ministry for Home Missions, brought the morning message. His main text was Luke 10:25, 29, asking the question "Who Is Your Neighbor?"

Rev. Gary Miller expressed thanks to Bethel for their hospitality and meal. Rev. Kenneth Terry prayed the blessing for the food and dismissed.

<sup>\*</sup>Midway sent in their letter with representation fee later.

### TREASURER'S REPORT October 21, 2000

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Association			
Balance 10-21-00			\$632.53
Income:			
Offering 1	0-21-00		\$90.00
Represen	tation Fees	s (9@\$85/each)	\$765.00
Churches	Repay M	ission Lodging	\$250.80
	otal		\$1,105.80
Expenses:			
Alabama State	Assoc. Fee	es	\$850.00
Rev. Rick Bow	ling/Speak	er (Oct)	\$200.00
Mission Confer	ence Lodg	ing	\$250.80
Total Expen	ses		\$1,300.80
4-21-01 Total Balance			\$437.53
Youth Fund			
Balance 10-21-00			\$323.01
Income:			-
\$10	00.00	12-20-00	
<b>\$</b>	75.00	2-8-01	
\$2	25.00	3-6-01	
_\$2	25.00	4-30-01	
\$22	25.00		
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4-21-01 Total Balance

\$548.01

## PROCEEDINGS The 11th Semi-Annual Meeting April 21, 2001

The 11th Semi-Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on April 21, 2001 at Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Robert Partain led the congregation in singing "There's Something About That Name," "Trust and Obey," and "He Keeps Me Singing" with Sister Patsy Hale at the piano. Bro. Rodney Yerby prayed. The Welcome was given by Rev. Kenneth Terry. Rev. Mike Fishel of Madison gave the devotion from John 21:15-17. He told of the challenges to Peter and of his love for Jesus.

Rev. Richard Hendrix called the Association to order. He appointed the Credentials Committee consisting of Rev. Robert Morgan, Chairman; Rev. William McElroy, Bro. Andy Thompson, and Bro. Ron McCraney.

After an intermission, Bro. Partain led "I Love to Tell the Story." Rev. Mike Corley led in prayer.

Rev. Morgan gave the Credentials Report. The letters were found to be in order with each church sending the representation fee. Midway did not report.

The delegates were seated. There was motion and second for the minutes and treasurer's report to be accepted as read.

Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the Presbytery Report. They recommended Rev. Richard Bowers be accepted into the North Alabama Association. Rev. Hendrix gave him the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Roger Hood resigned from the Children's Home Board. It was recommended that Rev. Gary Miller be appointed as our Association's representative. This was accepted.

Bro. Shannon Hale spoke on behalf of the Christian Education Board. He shared his heart and concern for the youth of our Association. Rev. Jerel Reeves will stay on the board until the next meeting. Rev. Hendrix asked the Youth Committee to draw up some changes and bring back to the Association in October.

Rev. Mike Corley gave a missionary report. He thanked Acts 1:8 for buying the building for the Bible Institute. They still need funds to refurbish the building. He introduced Rev. Igor Maksakov, a visiting Russian pastor. He is also the director of the Russian Bible Institute. He thanked the people for giving to Russia with Rev. Corley interpreting.

The offering today of \$173.50 was increased to \$200.00 and given to the Russia account. Bro. Russ Manns sang "Lord, I Found a Friend in You" during the offering. Madison received the plaque for highest attendance.

Rev. Rick Cash gave information on the Acts 1:8 program and a possible new retirement program for pastors.

Rev. Gary Miller introduced Rev. Richard Bowers to bring the morning message. His text was Isaiah 9:3 with the thought of "Joy in Harvest."

There was a vote of thanks for the hospitality and food that Soul's Harbor provided for us. Rev. McElroy prayed the dismissal prayer and blessing for our food.

<sup>\*</sup>Midway sent in their letter with representation fee at a later date.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT April 21, 2001

	April 21, 200	1	
Association			
Balance 4-2	1-01		\$437.53
Inco	ome:	·	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Offering April Assoc. Meeting	\$173.42	
	Representation Fees	\$315.00	
	(9@\$35/each)	•	
	Soul's Harbor	\$50.16	
	(Mission Conference Expense	s)	
	Midway Rep. Fee	<u>\$35.00</u>	
	Total	\$573.58	
Exp	enses:		
Rus	ssian Project	\$200.00	
10-20-01	Total Balance		\$811.11
	1-01 8.01		
Ince	ome:	ድድስ ስለ	
	Unity – May & June	\$50.00	
	Unity – July & August	\$50.00	
	Unity – September	\$25.00 \$125.00	
•	Total	\$125.00	

Competition – State CE Board

**Total Balance** 

Expenses:

10-20-01

\$260.00

\$412.93

## PROCEEDINGS The 36th Annual Meeting October 20, 2001

The 36th Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on October 20, 2001 at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Tanner. Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in singing "This is the Day" and "The Family of God" with Sister Kim Reeves at the piano.

Rev. Richard Bowers prayed the opening prayer. The Welcome was given by Rev. Jerel Reeves.

Rev. Larry McElroy gave the devotion from Joshua 1:1-9 offering encouragement and assurance that God will be with us no matter what. In the aftermath of what happened on September 11, 2001, Rev. McElroy stated it's the best of times for the church with opportunities to reach out to those around us.

Rev. Gary Miller called the meting to order. Church letters were received. The Credentials Committee was appointed: Bro. Ken Michael, Chairman; Bro. Arthur Knox; and Bro. Loyd McCarley. The Presbytery Committee was requested to meet during intermission.

After a short intermission, Bro. Ken Michael gave the Credentials Committee report. The letters were found to be in order except for Ebenezer which did not report. A letter from Midway was read concerning their decision to withdraw from the Association. A motion and second were made to accept the report. Rev. Gary Miller will contact Midway regarding their intent. There was a move and second to put Midway on the inactive list for the time being.

The delegates were seated. The minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was given. There was a move and second to accept the report.

Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the Presbytery Committee Report. There was a move and second to accept Rev. Bill Thomas and Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. into the Association. It was also decided to send letters of "Good Standing" to the Vernon Association for Rev. Lamar Cox and the Jasper Association for Rev. Walter Jaggers. It was recommended that members of the Presbytery Committee be printed in the program each Association meeting.

The plaque for the highest attendance was given to Cedar Creek. We had a total attendance of 47.

Bro. Rodney Yerby led the congregation in "Count Your Many Blessing" while an offering of \$98.00 was given. He then led us in "God is So Good."

The obituaries list was read by Rev. Gary Miller. These were: Sister Evelyn Harden, Unity; Bro. Charles Pennington, Midway; Sister Faye Dupree, Madison; and Sister Lottie Done, Faith. Rev. Miller then prayed a prayer of thankfulness for these saints.

It was decided that the Association Joint Thanksgiving Service on November 20, 2001 will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur at 7:00 p.m. The April 2002 Association Meeting will be held at Ebenezer.

Delegates for the State Association meeting will be Vickie Hood, Linda Shaddrix, Carolyn Bowers, Faye Moore, and Levada Knox.

Special music was provided by Sister Kim Reeves. She sang "If He Hung the Moon." Rev. Randy Key brought the morning message with his text being II Timothy 4:6,7. It was a very inspiring message on the Apostle Paul and how this scripture relates to us today.

After the message, Rev. McElroy spoke for a few minutes on AIM (Abortion is Murder). He requested that the churches stop at 11:10 on Sunday mornings and have silent prayer for the unborn.

Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. then gave a report on the Hispanic Bible Institute.

A motion was made to give Bethel appreciation for hosting the Association and thanks for the food. This was done. Rev. Kenneth Terry prayed the dismissal prayer.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT October 20, 2001

Association	
Balance 10-20-01	\$811.11
Income:	
Offering Oct. Association Meeting	\$98.00
Representation Fees (9@\$85/each)	<u>\$765.00</u>
Total	\$863.00
Expenses:	
Rev. Randy Key	\$200.00
State Rep. Fee (9@\$85/each)	<u>\$765.00</u>
Total	\$965.00
4-27-02 Total Balance	\$709.11
Youth Fund	
Balance 10-20-01	\$412.93
Income:	
None	
Expenses:	-
None	
4-27-02 Total Balance	\$412.93

#### C. E. Board April 15, 2000

The C. E. Board submits the following report – October 1999 – April 2000

There were three youth rallies held since the October meeting. The average total attendance was 109. The average youth Attendance was 49.

Respectfully, Christian Education Board

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.

#### North Alabama Association

#### Ordained Ministers

#### \*Denotes Pastors

Bethel - Cullman	Soul's Harbor	Unity
*Rev. Bill Thomas	*Rev. Kenneth Terry	*Rev. Robert Morgan
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Cullman, AL 35055	Vinemont, AL 35179	Eva, AL 35621
(256) 739-9961	(256) 739-6739	(256) 482-4751
Bethel - Tanner	Madison	
*Rev. Jerel Reeves	*Rev. Richard Hendrix	Rev. Truman Shaddrix
15659 Ripley Road	138 Lewis Lane	(Associate Pastor)
Athens, AL 35611	Madison, AL 35758	1221 Parker Rd. SE
(256) 230-3626	(256) 461-7453	Hartselle, AL 35640
Cedar Creek	Rth50@yahoo.com	(256) 773-6394
Rev. William L. McElroy		
1301 Cedar Creek Rd., SE	Rev. Michael Rogers	Rev. Enoch Grave
Hartselle, AL 35640	(Associate Pastor)	812 Co. Rd. 1355
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Ebenezer	Madison, AL 35758	(256) 734-8794
*Rev. Roger Hood	(256) 971-0877	
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