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DECATUR  
1ST FWB ■ SOUTHPARK  
BETHEL  
TANNER  
CEDAR CREEK  
SOUL'S HARBOR  
UNITY. EBENEZER  
BETHEL, CULLMAN

**NORTH ALABAMA**

**ASSOCIATION**

**OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**MINUTES  
2002, 2003 & 2004**

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GENERAL OFFICERS  
of the  
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

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PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE

Rev. Dennis Haygood-Chairman  
Rev. Robert Morgan

Rev. Richard Bowers  
Rev. Kenneth Terry

# 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	Soul's Harbor
2003	April	Unity
	October	Madison
2004	April	Bethel-Cullman
	October	1st FWB-Decator
2005	April	-----
	October	-----

## 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 12th Semi-Annual Meeting**

### **April 27, 2002**

The 12th Semi-Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on April 27, 2002 at Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Bowers led in prayer. Bro. Billy Vast led the congregation in "What A Lovely Name" and "Majesty" with Sis. Patsy Hale at the piano.

Rev. Richard Hendrix welcomed everyone. The response was given by Rev. Roger Hood.

Devotion was given by Bro. Robby Parker. He stated that "God prepares us all for a work." He then used David as an example to show us how we're chosen for God's work using 1 Samuel 17-26.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Richard Hendrix. The Credentials Committee was appointed: Rev. Robert Morgan, Bro. Billy Vest, Bro. Ron McCraney and Bro Ken Michael. Rev. Richard Bowers was appointed to the Presbytery Committee.

We were led in singing "Heaven Came Down" after the Intermission. Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. led in prayer.

The Credentials report was given and accepted. Bethel of Tanner did not report to this meeting. The delegates were then seated and approved.

There was a motion and second to let the Pastors go back to their Churches and talk with their lay people to select replacements for the Christian Education Board. The Minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was given. There was a motion and second to approve this report. The Presbytery report was given by Rev. Kenneth Terry.

Southpark FWB Church and Pastor Dennis Haygood petitioned our Association for membership. Bro. Haygood was received in full fellowship to our Association. Southpark was received as Mission status until organized and than may petition the Association for full Church status.

The attendance was 49 and the Attendance Plaque was given to Bethel of Cullman.

An offering of \$72.00 was taken while the congregation sang "Showers of Blessings."

Association meetings were scheduled as follows: October 2002-Soul's Harbor/ October 2003-Unity Church/November 26, 2002-Joint Thanksgiving Service-Soul's Harbor.

The message was brought by Rev. Jimmy Aldridge after giving a report on his recent trip to Russia. His text was taken from various chapters in Acts to show that "Anyone, Anywhere, has a chance for Salvation.

We were adjourned by motion to thank Ebenezer for hosting the Association. Rev. Kenneth Reeves dismissed in prayer.



# PROCEEDINGS

## The 37th Annual Meeting Association

### October 19,2002

The 37th Annual Meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on October 19, 2002 at Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Kenneth Terry opened the service with "I'll Fly Away" with Sis. Wynette Cagle playing the piano. Rev. Richard Bowers led in prayer. Rev. Kenneth Terry welcomed everyone to Soul's Harbor.

Rev. Gary Miller gave the morning devotion using II Chronicles 7:14 as his text. He emphasized that our people need a return to Holiness. Rev. Fred Jones led in prayer.

Rev. Richard Hendrix called the Association to order. He appointed a Credentials Committee: Rev. Dennis Haygood/chairman-Rev. Kenneth Terry and Bro. Terry Bynum. A Nomination Committee was appointed: Bro. Ken Michael/chairman-Rev. Larry McElroy and Bro. Kenneth Martin.

After a short intermission, Rev. Hendrix led the congregation in "Glad Reunion Day" with Sis. Wynette Cagle at the piano and Sis. Kelly Cox at the organ. Rev. Roger Hood led in prayer.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Dennis Haygood. The items were read and voted on item by item. These were: (1) Recommendation that the balance of \$50.00 need for Alabama State Association dues be taken from the Association Account. (2) No letter was received from Bethel of Tanner. (3) That the churches please provide accurate and complete information for clerk to be able to fill out her report to the state. These were all approved.

The delegates were seated. The minutes read from our April meeting were approved as read.

Rev. Roger Hood gave the Presbytery Committee report. He reported that we have guidelines for ordaining ministers in our Association but they are not clear about individual Churches accepting or ordaining ministers. Rev. Hood was given the authority to come up with policy about ordaining ministers in the Association. Rev. Hendrix appointed the Presbytery Committee for next year: Rev. Roge Hood/chairman-Rev. Richard Bowers-Rev. Robert Morgan-Rev. Kenneth Terry and Rev. Dennis Haygood.

Bro. Ken Michael gave the Nomination Committee report. The following officers were voted on and accepted individually.. The new officers for 2003-2004 are:

Moderator-Rev. Richard Hendrix

Assistant Moderator-Rev. Gary Miller

Clerk-Sis. Patsy Hale

Assistant Clerk-Sis. Jean McCraney

A new Christian Education Board was also appointed: Bro. Steven Beck/Southpark-Andy Thompson/Madison and Bro Keith Bowen-Unity.

Rev. Hendrix asked Rev. Roger Hood to give as some information about training for our Churches in Sunday School,

evangelism, etc. It was decided to have this for our April meeting, if possible, in sessions and extend the time a little for business.

Southpark won the Attendance Plaque. The Association had a total of 38 people in attendance. And an offering of \$80.12 was received today.

The Obituary report was given by Rev. Gary Miller. Saints lost the past year were: Bro. Hugh Burton-Cullman; Sis. Mary Hill-Cedar Creek; Sis. Christine Pitt-Decatur; Bro. Dan Done, Bro. Eldon Lewis and Sis. Mary South-Faith; Bro. Eddie Wilson-Madison; Bro. Oscar Trussell-Soul's Harbor; and Bro. Fred Poole-Unity. Rev. Miller then prayed a special prayer in memory of These dear people.

Rev. Kenneth Terry led us in "Power in The Blood" and Sis. Marie Terry sang "How Deep is the Sea."

Rev. Fred Jones gave us information on the Hispanic Ministry and requested prayer for the Churches helping with this and for the Ministry itself. Bro. Fred Jones then brought the morning message using Acts 13:1-4 as his text. He stated the Church at Antioch had characteristics we all need. They were a Spirit filled people, soul winners, wise, faithful and had spiritual energy. We need to do what God calls us to do.

There was a rising vote of thanks to Soul's Harbor for hosting the Association. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gary Miller.



# PROCEEDINGS

## The 13th Semi- Annual Meeting

### October 19,2002

The 13th Semi-Annual Meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on April 19, 2003 as Unity Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Kenneth Martin opened the service with "Jesus Use Me" with Sis. Patsy Hale playing the piano. Rev. Richard Bowers led in prayer. Rev. Robert Morgan welcomed everyone to Unity.

Rev. Richard Hendrix called the Association to order. He appointed a Credentials Committee: Rev. Truman Shaddix/chairman-Bro. Stephen Beck-Bro. Ken Michael-Bro. Terry Bynum. Rev. Dennis Haygood was appointed chairman of the Presbytery Committee.

Rev. Randy Key brought the devotion. He spoke from Matthew 20:25-28. The theme was "The True Measure of Greatness"- "Being Great In God's Sight." We must be a (1) servant to all (2) surrender all (3) suffer for the kingdom's sake (4) sacrifice. Bro. Key also gave the Children's Home report.

Bro. Kenneth Martin led "When All of God's Singers Get Home" with piano played by Sis. Patsy Hale.

Bro. Ken Michael gave the Credentials Report and all was in order except for Bethel of Tanner not sending a letter.

Rev. Bowers gave the Presbytery report. A move was made to accept Bro. Henry Shellman into the Association. Rev. Hendrix gave the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Shellman.

The Attendance Plaque was awarded to Southpark FWBC. The total attendance at the April 2003 meeting was 53. Rev. Dennis Haygood gave a report on the work at Southpark Church. God is blessing and the Church would like for everyone to continue praying for God's blessings on the work there in Huntsville.

Rev. Fred Jones gave an update on the Hispanic Ministries. Bro. & Sis. Jones need everyone's prayers in this tremendous work.

Bro. Martin led the congregation in "Build My Mansion" with Sis. Hale at the piano. An offering was taken in the amount of \$93.00. After the offering was taken the Unity Quartet sang "Loving God."

Dr. Dan Ireland from ALCA brought the message. He preached from Matthew 5:13-16 to be the light of the world. Also he read from James 4:17 to be the salt of the earth/to make a difference wherever we are/not security but opportunity.

Cedar Creek is graciously hosting the North Alabama Thanksgiving supper on November 25, 2003. Rev. Robert Morgan prayed the closing prayer.

# PROCEEDINGS

## The 38th Annual Meeting

The 38th Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on October 18, 2003 at Madison FWBC. Bro. Paul Bryant led "Lily of the Lily" with Sis. Carolyn Hendrix playing the piano. Bro. Stephen Beck led in prayer.

State Promotional Director Rev. Rick Cash gave an update on the Mission work in Russia and the United States. His devotion was from Matthew 28:18- Missions involvement. The great commission isn't just going to Church but to "Go and Teach" all over the world. What's important is what we do for Christ.

Rev. Richard Hendrix called the meeting to order. The Credentials Committee was appointed: Rev. Fred Jones/chairman-Bro. Billy Vest-Bro. Ken Michael-Rev. Larry McElroy. Carolyn Hendrix at the piano. Rev. Kenneth Terry led in prayer. A special request of prayer was made for Rev. Wilson, at Prattville, who had been diagnosed with cancer.

Rev. Fred Jones gave the Credentials report. All letters were in order except Bethel of Tanner and Unity did not send letters or have representation at the meeting. The report was given and approved. All the delegates were seated.

The Credentials Committee recommended that the Moderator appoint a committee to get a list of rules for new Pastors and Churches coming into the Association.

Rev. Fred Jones gave an update on the Hispanic Ministries in the Cullman/Vinemont/Lacon area. A Mexican Mission couple came to help in this Ministries for 10 weeks. Sunday morning services are being held at 11:00 A.M. at Soul's Harbor and people are beginning to respond. Thursday nights Bro. Jones is teaching Spanish and English and on Saturday morning at Lacon Trade Day Bro. Jones & Sis. Jones hand tracts. The Jones' thanked everyone for their prayers.

Rev. Dennis Haygood reported that God in blessing with good services and visitors are coming to Southpark FWBC in Huntsville, They have Children's Ministries and souls are being saved. Please continue to pray for Southpark FWBC.

Bro. Paul Jones led in prayer for all the Missionaries and Mission work around the world and for our troops.

The minutes were read and approved. Also the treasurer's report was read and approved.

The letter from Rev. Steve Webb from Faith FWBC in Adamsville was read. He and his Church requested a letter of good standing for them to join another Association that would be closer to their Church. It was voted to send the letter and we did send the letter.

Bro. Bryant led "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" with Sis. Carolyn Hendrix on the piano. An offering was taken of \$82.95. Bro. Andy Thompson led in prayer. And Bro. Bryant let as "Gentle Shepherd" with Sis. Carolyn Hendrix at the piano. It was voted to give \$85.00 to Rev. Rick Cash.

Bro. Rodney Yerby and Bro. Paul Bryant sang "There's A New Name In Glory" for the special singing. Our total attendance was 46.

Bro., Bryant brought the message. He read from Malachi 1:6-14/ offering God blemished sacrifices; Blemished view of God/Offered a blemished offering to God (sick sacrifice) Blemished relationship with God/God is Holy/Offering of ignorance/Profaning God in the Church/We give God what we no longer can use/We only give God the crumbs.

We were led in prayer and also gave thanks for lunch.

# PROCEEDINGS

## The 14th Semi-Annual Meeting Association

### Convened on April 17th, 2004

The 14th Semi-Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on April 17, 2004, at Bethel of Pullman. The singing was led by Bro. Ewell Bartlett and the piano was played by Sis. Regina Holmes. Bro. Bartlett led "Love Lifted Me." Rev. Gary Miller gave the welcome and led us in prayer.

Rev. Richard Bowers' devotion was taken from John 12 about the sower and the seed. Christians are to sow the seed all over the world. Some seed fell on stony ground and some fell on good ground. Don't underestimate the power of the seed.

Rev. Richard Hendrix called the meeting to order. He asked prayer for Rev. Haygood who was recovering from recent surgery. Rev. McElroy led in prayer. Bro. Bartlett led "Just a Little talk" and Sis. Regina Holmes played the piano.

Rev. Hendrix appointed Bro. Ken Michael as the chairman of the Credentials Committee with Rev. Kenneth Reeves and Bro. Aaron Dawson also serving with Bro. Michael. Bro. Ken Michael gave the Credentials Committee report. 7 of our 9 Churches sent letters. (Bethel of Tanner and Unity did not send letters.) A move and second was made to accept the Credentials Committee report and they were passed. Also, a move to second was made to seat the delegates and this too was passed.

Rev. Richard Hendrix appointed Rev. Richard Bowers as chairman to the Presbytery Committee since Rev. Haygood was not able to attend the meeting due to recent surgery. Rev. Robert Morgan was not able to attend and the alternates were Bro. Terry Bynum and Bro. Ron McCraney and Rev. Kenneth Terry and Rev. Gary Miller were also on the committee. The following was submitted by the Presbytery Committee:

We, the Presbytery Committee, met on March 31, 2004, in the presence of Moderator Rev. Richard Hendrix and discussed the guidelines and questions for ordination.

1. We recommend the guideline number seven, which states,  
"THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN ANYONE THAT IS AFFILIATED WITH THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES." be deleted and replaced with the following guideline:

"THIS ASSOCIATION WILL NOT ORDAIN OR ACCEPT THE ORDINATION OF ANYONE WHO IS A HOMOSEXUAL."

2. We recommend that we continue to use the guidelines and questions for ordination as stated in the last printed minutes of the North Alabama District Association of Free Will Baptist (2000-2001) with the exception of the replacement of guideline number seven.

3. We recommend these guidelines and question for ordination be sent to each Pastor and Church in the North Alabama District Association of Free Will Baptists and be made available at all times from the Associational Clerk.

4. We recommend that the minutes of our Associational meetings be printed by the end of the current year; a copy be delivered to each pastor and church promptly, and be available for others at the next Associational meeting.

5. The Presbytery met on April 8, 2004 to examine Bro. Aaron Dawson for licensing to preach the Gospel, as requested by Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church. We, the Presbytery Committee, recommend that he be licensed.

6. We recommend that Bro. Clifford Williams be ordained as deacon of Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church as requested by Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church.



Respectfully Submitted by Presbytery Committee:  
Rev. Dennis Haygood ~Absent at associational meeting  
Rev. Richard Bowers~Chairman  
Rev. Gary Miller  
Rev. Kenneth Terry  
Bro. Terry Bynum~alternate  
Bro. Ron McCraney~alternate

Each of these items were voted on and passed.

Bro. Steve Reeves gave an encouraging report on Bethel of Tanner. Their attendance is increasing. A motion was made to send word to Bethel of Tanner that the association will be glad to help if they are asked. Amen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Also, the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Rev. Rick Cash gave an update on Acts 1:8/Missions-Home & Foreign. Rev. Cash spoke about the Acts 1:8 offerings being down. Please give all you can! Rev. Cash gave good reports all the Missions. He was very encouraged about the Youth Rally he attended in Russia.

Bro. Bartlett led "The Life Boat" with Sis. Regina Holmes playing the piano. An offering was taken in the amount of \$122.00. Move and second was made and passed to give Rev. Cash \$50.00 and Rev. Little \$100.00. Southport FWB Church was awarded the attendance plaque with the most in attendance. Total attendance was 51 people.

Rev. Russell Golden from Guntersville gave his testimony. He said we are either going forward or backward. We need to build for the future with a vision.

Rev. Fred Jones gave a report on the Hispanic Ministries. He thanked everyone for their prayers and financial support. Rev. Jones asked prayer for several of the Hispanic people and that he and Sis. Jones could perhaps have Bible studies in the homes of these precious people.

Bro. Bobby Tibbles gave an update on the work at Southpark FWBC. Building friendships is very important. Friend Day attendance was 100+ and Easter was 70+ people. They are seeing growth and still need everyone's prayers.

Rev. Doug Little, from the Foreign Missions Department, brought the message. Rev. Little sang "Pour Out Your Blessings" and "Just Over The River". The songs touched everyone's hearts. Rev. Little preached from Luke 15:20-24/Psalm 67. The heart of the Father is the main ministry of reconciliation. Free Will Baptist Churches exist to reach lost people. PURPOSE-PERSPECTIVE-PRIORITY.

There was a rising vote of thanks to Bethel for their hospitality and then we had the closing prayer and thanks was given for the delicious meal the Bethel ladies had prepared for the Association meeting. (Oct. Meeting-1st Free Will of Decatur)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

April 27, 2002

## Association

Balance: 4-27-02 \$709.11

### Income:

Offering-April Association Meeting	72.00
Church Dues--8 @ \$35.00	<u>280.00</u>
Total	\$352.00

### Expenses:

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge	\$200.00
Printing of Minutes	104.79
Stamps	<u>37.00</u>
Total	\$341.79

Balance: 10-19-2002 \$719.32

## Youth Fund

Balance: 4-27-02 \$412.93

### Income:

From Madison Church	\$135.00
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### Expense:

AL. State Competition	\$545.00
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Balance 10-19-02 \$ 2.93

# TREASURER'S REPORT

October 19, 2002

Association \$719.32

Balance: 10-19-02

Income:

Association Offering (10-19-02)	\$ 80.12
State Dues 9 Churches @ \$80.	<u>720.00</u>
Total	\$800.12

Expenses:

Bro. Fred Jones	\$ 50.00
Alabama States Dues	850.00
Fed. Square Suites & Motel	<u>334.40.</u>
(Missions Conference)	\$1,234.40
Total	

Balance: 10-19-2002 \$285.04

Youth Fund

Balance: 10-19-02 \$ 2.93

Balance: 4-19-03 \$ 2.93

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

October 19, 2002

A new CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD was appointed on October 19, 2002.they are as follows:

Bro. Steven Beck-Southpark

Bro. Andy Thompson-Madison

Bro. Keith Bowen-Unity



# TREASURER'S REPORT

April 19, 2003

Association \$285.04

Balance: 4-19-2003

Income:

Offering for Speaker	\$250.00
Association Due's(9@ \$35.00	
each	315.00
Asso. Offering/Reimburs.	<u>374.58</u>
Total	\$939.58

Expenses:

ALCAP Offering	\$343.00
Postage	3.10
New Checks	<u>14.55</u>
Total	\$360.65

Balance: 4-19-2003 \$863.97

Youth Fund:

Balance: 4-19-2003 \$ 2.93

# TREASURER'S REPORT

October 18, 2003

## Association

\$863.97

Balance: 10-18-2003

### Income:

October Due's(7@ \$85.00	
each \$	595.00
Association Offering	<u>82.95</u>
Total \$	677.95

### Expenses:

State Due's (9@ \$135.00	
each \$	1,215.00
Bro. Rick Cash(Offering)	85.00
Postage	<u>4.52</u>
Total	\$1,304.52

Balance: 10-18-2003

\$237.40

## Youth Fund:

Balance: 10-18-2003

\$ 2.93

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## April 17, 2004

### Association

Balance 4-17-04 \$237.40

### Income:

Offering April	
Assoc. Meeting	\$122.00
Representation Fee's	
(7@\$50/each)	350.00
Missions Con. Expenses	<u>378.00</u>
Total	\$850.00

### Expenses:

Bro. Doug Little( Speake)	\$100.00
Bro. Rick Cash (Speaker)	50.00
Federal Square Hotel	
(Missions Conference)	564.08
Stamps	7.40
Printing of Minutes	<u>212.55</u>
Total	\$934.03

Total Balance \$153.37

### Youth Fund

Balance 4-17-04 \$ 2.93

## **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 banquet) 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 and should inform him on any decisions made by the board as a second line of communication.

# 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 woman to preach the gospel.
- VII.** This Association will not ordain or accept the ordination of anyone who is a homosexual.
- 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.

NONE: If any church as 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 once 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.

## 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:

That our churches be requested to follow the Scriptures and the Treatise when any need for discipline arises.

That churches exercise wisdom in calling a pastor by properly investigating him.

That Associations carefully check the credentials of ministers who transfer from another Association before receiving a minister into fellowship.

That each district Association be requested to publish in their State Association paper the names of any ministers whose credentials have been revoked.



**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?
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.
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 Robert's 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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