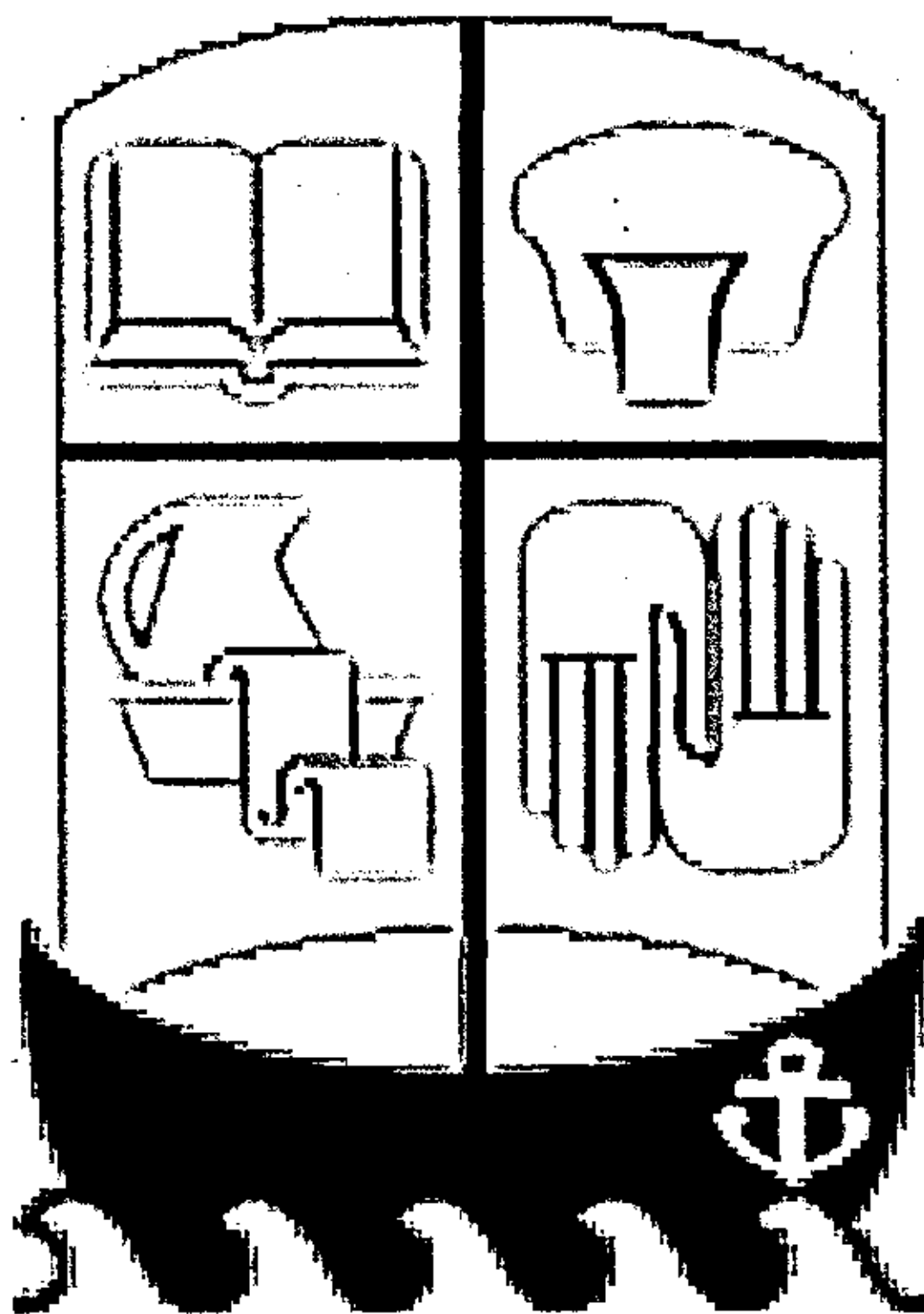


NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



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1998	April	Bethel-Cullman
	October	Cedar Creek
1999	April	1 st 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	1 st FWB-Decatur
2005	April 16	Soul's Harbor
	October 15	Cedar Creek
2006	April 15	Madison
	October 21	Soul's Harbor

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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 Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session who shall receive and examine the letters and list the delegates and turn them over to the Clerk with any recommendation they may wish to make, and omit the public reading of the letter.
- Section 4. The Moderator shall have the right to appoint all committees.
- Section 5. No person shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of I Timothy, "The husband of one wife." He must satisfactorily answer all the oral and/or written questions put to him by the ordaining council.
- Section 6. The business of this Association shall be governed by 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.

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 does not believe fully the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
- IV. This Association ordains no one that does not believe and practice tithing.
- V. This Association ordains no one that does not believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.
- VI. This Association will not ordain a 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 does not 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 does not 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?
3. Give a short account of your call to preach.
4. Do you feel that you meet the qualifications of I 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 Baptists 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?

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 associations 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 the State Association paper the names of any ministers whose credentials have been revoked.

GUIDELINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

1. The Christian Education Board shall consist of three 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. You 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 the Pastor on any plans made and should inform him on any decisions made by the board as a second line of communication.

MINUTES
Of the 15th Semi-Annual Meeting
April 16, 2005
Soul's Harbor FWB Church

The 15th Semi-Annual Meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on April 16, 2005 at Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church in Vinemont. Bro. Aaron Dawson led "Victory In Jesus" and "When We All Get To Heaven," and Sis. Wynette Cagle played the piano. Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the welcome, and Bro. Steve Reeves led prayer.

Rev. Dennis Haygood opened our Association meeting. Rev. Rick Cash, who is also our State Promotional Director, preached emphasis on Missions and Missions Conferences. Rev. Danny Williams was scheduled to help Bro. Cash, but he could not attend. Bro. Cash preached that it is not an option for a Christian to go out on the mission field. This is a command from God. He gave numerous scriptures. In Matthew 5:14 Jesus tells us we are the light of the world; Mark 16:15 "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" Luke 24:47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem;" and the Great Commission Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." God's command for every Christian, everywhere, is to go into all the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Rev. Haygood called the Association meeting to order. Rev. Randy Key gave a report on our Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. As of the April meeting there were twenty-eight children being taken care of. The children were doing well in school. Some made the honor roll.

Delegates were seated with a move and a second. The minutes and financial report were read and accepted with a move and a second.

The credentials report was given with eight Churches reporting. All letters were in good standing. (Unity FWB Church did not report).

The following Presbytery Committee Report was given by Rev. Kenneth Terry:

The Presbytery Committee met March 29, 2005, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama. The following items are recommended to the Association:

1. We recommend the acceptance of Bro. Paul Bryant from the Indian River Association of Florida, upon receipt of letter from his former association.

2. We recommend the acceptance of Bro. Mark Kelly from the State Line Association of Alabama, upon receipt of letter from his former association.
3. We recommend Bro. Aaron Dawson, from the Soul's Harbor Church, be ordained to preach the Gospel. Bro. Dawson has been licensed for one year.
4. The committee has met with Bro. Mike Callahan, from Bethel Church of Tanner and will meet again with him before the October Association Meeting. We anticipate a recommendation at the October Meeting.
5. As an item of information, the Presbytery Committee has accepted the return of the credentials of Jerel Reeves and will notify the State and National Associations of this action.
6. We recommend the church dues be raised to \$100.00 for each session beginning with the October Meeting. We also suggest that each church send an additional \$50.00 before the October meeting to cover the current shortfall.

Respectfully submitted by: Rev. Richard Bowers/Rev. William L. McElroy/Rev. Dennis Haygood/Rev. Kenneth Terry. Rev. Gary Miller was placed on this committee instead of Rev. Dennis Haygood since he is now the Moderator.

A new Christian Education Board was appointed: Bro. Paul Bryant (Madison) Chairman/Bro. Mark Kelly (Pastor of Ebenezer FWBC) and Bro. Stephen Beck (Southpark). A report was to be given to the Moderator by August 15, 2005.

Southpark FWBC received the Attendance plaque with ten people attending from their Church. Total attendance for April 2005 meeting was forty-two. The amount of the offering taken was \$219.13.

Rev. Rick Cash was our guest speaker. He preached several different times on the great commission. Sometimes change is good. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and take risks. God is working! Go where God is working! God has a ministry for every Christian and you have to see the need for yourself. I John 3:17-18 says about compassion: "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue: but in deed and in truth."

A rising vote of thanks was given to Soul's Harbor FWBC for hosting this meeting and for the good food the ladies had prepared. The closing prayer included thanks for the food about to be eaten. Also, the October 2005 meeting is to be at Cedar Creek FWBC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 16, 2005

Association:

Balance: 10-16-04 \$ 15.13

Income:

April Offering	\$219.13
Church Dues	<u>\$450.00</u>
TOTAL	\$669.13

Expenses:

Bro. Rick Cash	<u>\$220.00</u>
TOTAL	\$220.00

Balance: 04-16-2005 \$464.26

Youth Fund:

Balance: 04-16-2005 \$ 2.93

MINUTES
Of the 40th Annual Meeting
October 15, 2005
Cedar Creek FWB Church

The 40th Annual Meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on October 15, 2005, at Cedar Creek Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Richard Bowers. As Assistant Moderator, he was filling in for Rev. Dennis Haygood, Moderator, who was at the Mayo Clinic. Rev. Bowers asked for a report from Southpark Church on Rev. Haygood's condition. Rev. Shellman reported.

Bro. PeeWee Murphy, from Cedar Creek, led the congregation in the song "Are You Washed In The Blood?" Rev. Richard Hendrix led in prayer. Rev. McElroy, pastor of Cedar Creek, gave the welcome.

Rev. Bowers announced there would be four speakers today:

First speaker—Rev. Aaron Dawson preached on Psalms 48:1-3. We are at war and great conflicts have great battle cries such as "Remember Pearl Harbor," and "Remember 9-11." Psalm 48:9-14 is his battle cry and celebration. We have responsibilities to claim (v. 14): (1) Ask Him; (2) Seek Him; (3) Endure (Matt. 10:22). Are we willing to sacrifice as a casualty in the war for Christ?

The delegates were seated and all seven church letters were of good report. Sis. Carolyn Michael was appointed as a delegate. The minutes were read by Sis. Jean McCraney-Assistant Clerk, in absence of Sis. Hale. The minutes were approved as read, by Rev. Bowers. The Presbytery Committee report was given by Rev. Kenneth Terry. He read the letter from Unity FWB Church requesting withdrawal from the North AL Association. The meeting with Bro. Callahan of Bethel/Tanner was also reported. He has resigned from Bethel of Tanner, so no process of ratification of credentials needs to be approved. A move and second was made to accept the report as read.

Bro. Paul Bryant gave the report on the Christian Education Board. There is to be an Association-wide Youth Rally on November 12, 2005, at Madison with Rejoice Ministry Team, putt-putt golf, food and fellowship for the Youth. Bro. Scottie Curtis will be the speaker. The future success of rallies will depend on this rally. All youth are invited. The report was accepted as read.

Total attendance for this meeting was forty-eight with two of these being visitors. Southpark and Soul's Harbor tied for the attendance plaque with each having twelve people. Soul's Harbor agreed for the Southpark Church to have the plaque. The next meeting will be at Madison FWBC on April 15, 2006, and Soul's Harbor will host the October meeting.

Rev. Rick Cash gave a report from the promotional office. Monies for Acts 1:8 are running behind. WNAC of State Line in Alabama has raised approximately \$13,000.00.

Uruguay—the Communist headquarters for that area is across the road from Bro. Lancaster's church. Pray for that need. The plans are for the building to be finished this year.

Russia—Exciting things are happening there! Plans are for this building to be finished by Thanksgiving. Three public school teachers are attending the mission church! Free Will Baptists are making a difference in that dark part of the world! Rev. Kenneth Terry led in prayer.

Second speaker—Rev. Mark Kelly of Ebenezer FWBC spoke on Gen 1:1-4. He reported that their church is having outreach in three public schools with Bible Clubs!!! (1) We need to educate the public about God! People today are still walking in darkness. God is still working and moving just as in when He created everything. If we walk in His light, we need to introduce others to this light. Let our lights shine for God. (2) We need to “send the light” to a lost and dying world. Gen. 1:10, 12, 22, 28: We need to go out—God has created us to go out and multiply souls for His kingdom. This is our Great Commission. Gen. 2:1-2—We need to teach the world how to worship. God desires and deserves and wants our worship.

Bro. PeeWee Murphy led the congregation in “Just A Little Talk With Jesus” and the special music was “In You” sung by Annie McElroy. Rev. McElroy led in prayer and the offering taken was \$78.00.

Third speaker—Rev. Paul Bryant of Madison—“Are You Busy?” We have a disease of the mind—“The Martha Syndrome.” She was always on the go—Luke 10:38-42. Martha always was busy, while Mary was doing that which was needful—“a relationship with Christ.” Three characters teach us about that which is important in life:

Mary—(1) Sat at Christ's feet, a place of worship and attention, a position of adoration. (2) Listening takes time. (3) Chose to put everything else away to do what she was doing. Martha—(1) Working for the Lord—showing her faith. (2) Neglected the most important thing—JESUS. Jesus—encouraged Martha to stop worrying and remember that He is there. We need to guard our time with the Lord. Our relationship with Christ is our food and fuel for living. With that needful thing, everything else is in vain.

Fourth speaker—Rev. Stephen Beck of Southpark FWBC—Mark 8:1-4; Mark 6:7-8, 12-13, 30-44. The disciples' focus was not what Jesus had told them to do. Jesus saw He needed to teach them. This was his first priority. The miracles of Christ were always for a reason. Unbelief is not going to change anything. Mark 8:11-21. Disciples knew what Jesus had done, but they forget the principles, just like folks today. Mark 8:22-26. (1) Pharisees were completely blind. (2) Disciples were partially blind. (3) The blind man was healed but needed more—he knew what Christ could do in the future, he needed a second touch. In what category do you see yourself?

A rising vote of thanks was given to Cedar Creek for hosting the associational meeting and the wonderful meal their ladies prepared. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Paul Jones.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 15, 2005

Association:

Balance: 04-16-04 \$464.26

Income:

October Offering	\$ 78.00
Church Dues	\$700.00
Extra Offering	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$828.00

Expenses:

State Dues	\$945.00
Postage	<u>\$ 7.40</u>
TOTAL	\$952.40

Balance: 10-15-2005 \$339.86

Youth Fund:

Balance: 10-15-2005 \$ 2.93

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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.

