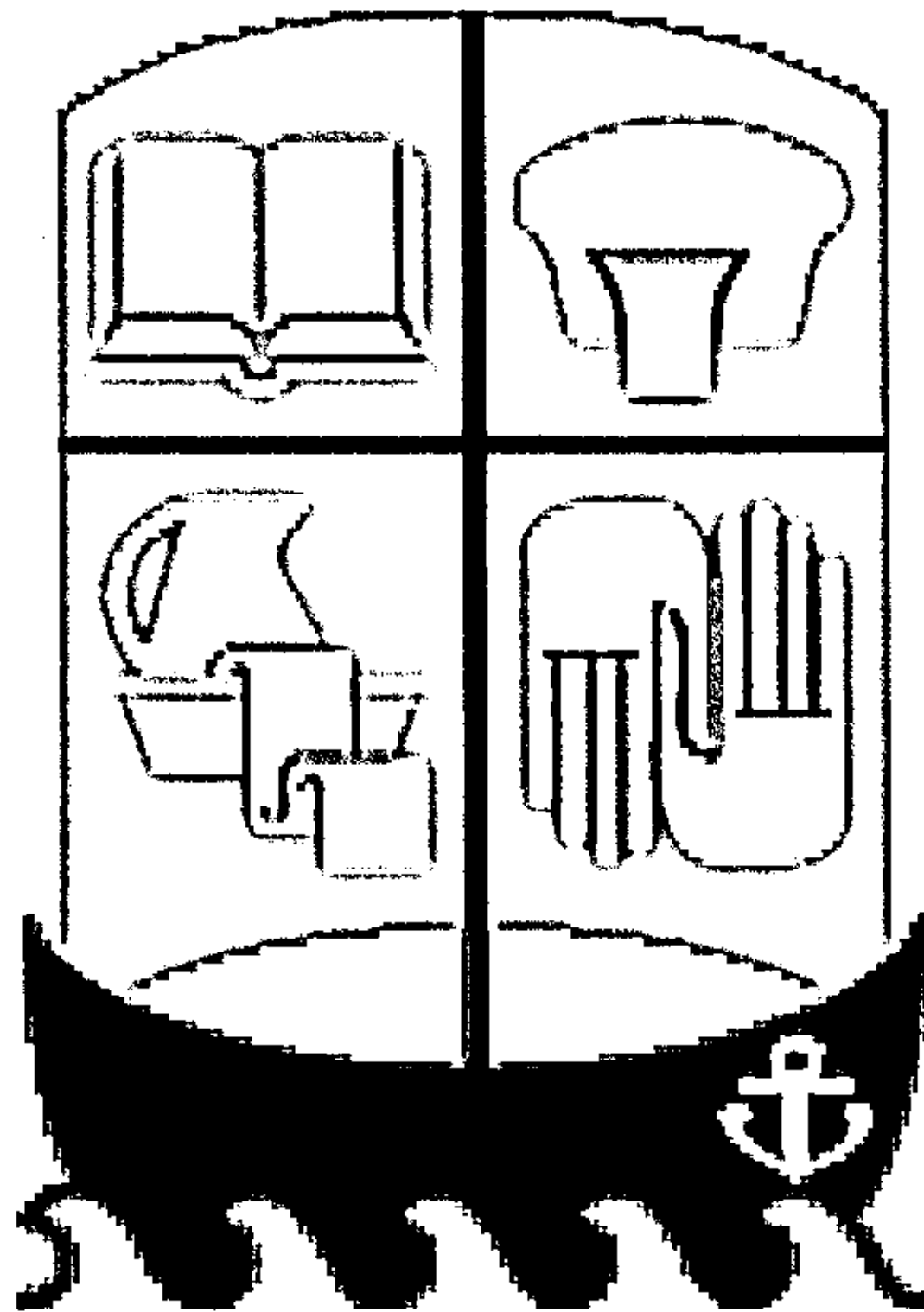


# **NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**



**MINUTES 2006**

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## GENERAL OFFICERS

2006

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# NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

1999	April	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> FWB-Decatur
2005	April 16	Soul's Harbor
	October 15	Cedar Creek
2006	April 15	Madison
	October 21	Soul's Harbor
2007	April 21	Ebenezer
	October 20	1 <sup>st</sup> FWB-Decatur

# ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Bethel FWB 2084 US Hwy 278E Cullman, AL 35055 (256) 739-9961	Rev. Jimmy Aldridge 366 Duskin Point Rd. Jasper, AL 35504 (205) 221-4501	Heather Dunn 2185 Skyball Rd. Hayden, AL 35079 (205) 429-2618
Cedar Creek FWB 1301 Cedar Creek Rd. SW Hartselle, AL 35640 (256) 773-2603	Rev. William McElroy 1301 Cedar Creek Rd. SW Hartselle, AL 35640 (256) 773-2603	Juanita Jones 701 Byrd Rd. SE Hartselle, AL 35640 (256) 773-4239
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## ORDAINED DEACONS

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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 16<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Meeting**  
**April 15, 2006**  
**Madison FWB Church**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened on April 15, 2006 at Madison FWB Church, Madison, AL. The meeting opened with Bro. Paul Bryant leading the congregation in "To God Be The Glory." Rev. Dennis Haygood called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Rev. Fred Jones. The welcome was given by Rev. Richard Hendrix and recognition of guests: Bro. Rick Cash, Rev. Raymond Rivers and Bro. Randy Key.

Bro. Haygood thanked the WAC for the gifts and cards that was presented to he and Sis. Judy. He challenged the congregation to not be discouraged as a group of sister churches, but to be faithful. Spend more time in prayer for our churches and people. He reminded all churches of Roll Call Sunday on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Special music was by Bro. Paul Bryant and Sis. Beth Nethercutt. They sang "There Is A Fountain."

Rev. Raymond Rivers brought the morning message from Matt. 19:13-14; "Why Child Evangelism?" Why leave the pastorate to work with children? My passion is to show children that Jesus saves. Give kids a chance to know Jesus!

Bro. Randy Key thanked the association for support and reported that the Children's Home has twenty-three (23) children at present. There are three seniors and one will attend FWB Bible College. Bro. Fred Jones reported on difficulties in the Hispanic Ministry, and the "labor of love" they have to reach the people. Bro. Jones thanked the association for support and also thanked WAC for the gift baskets.

Business session: The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. The delegates were seated.

Bro. Paul Bryant gave the CE Board report. He reported on Operation Renovation for camps in Russia. Russian teens are extremely excited about this. Each church is asked to participate. The Rally will be June 30-July 1<sup>st</sup> at Forestdale FWB. Bro Haygood complimented new CE Board on their efforts.

Rev. Rick Cash reported on State Promotional office: AL FWB gave over \$549,000.00 to ACTS 1:8 in 2005. Currently, we are ahead in giving for the 2006 budget of \$575,000.00. Rejoice that AL FWB gave over \$900,000.00 last year through the State Office. \$23,000.00 has been given to Camp Renovation in Russia and a truck was purchased to transport children. Bro. Cash showed a video of Rev. Tim York of International Missions explaining the "Change the World" for Christ campaign.

Old Business—None. New Business—Bro. Haygood has some suggestions or recommendations to present after meeting with the board.

1. Trial basis-Fellowship meal with pastors and wives and church leaders in order to fellowship and encourage one another as sister churches. Bro. Hendrix volunteered Madison to host first of these meetings. Discussion—Rev. Ken Michael reported this had been successful in the past. Rev. Hendrix suggested we might want to meet at a restaurant sometimes and said some great discussions had come as a result of previous meetings. Maybe have two or three meetings per year. Bro. Paul Jones reported that this was a good idea and was in favor to have them. Motion was made seconded and carried to do this. Letters will be sent out.

2. Constitution and Bylaws—Some things have been voted on in the past that were never put into Bylaws, etc. Bro. Haygood would like a committee appointed to revise Constitution and Bylaws and minutes. The committee would work with the clerk and moderator to bring back recommendation to October meeting. Move was made and seconded to appoint Constitution Revision Committee.

3. Executive committee would act on behalf of association and be responsible to report and act on activities, etc. Sometimes items need to be dealt with and bylaws currently do not dictate this. Recommendation would be: Executive Committee to consist of Moderator/Clerk/Assistant Moderator/and Chairman of Committees to act of behalf of Association. This would be a Constitution change. Question by Bro. Ken Michael—would committee take over of assigning meetings or what? Bro. Haygood explained Committee would begin in October meeting and serve. No motion was made.

4. Nominating committee—at this time is appointed by Moderator. Had been meeting on date of Association. Bro Haygood would like to appoint committee to serve as nominating committee to present list of nominations to present to body. This would be elected committee rather than appointed committee. Requires 2/3 vote of body to make constitution change. Motion made and second. Discussion—from now on nominating committee appointed today will make recommendations for nominations of future. Motion decided by standing vote. Failed to pass.

5. Constitution change to be made to change the make-up of the credentials committee. Rather than chairman to appoint a committee this committee would now be only clerk and assistant clerk. Move made, second and carried. (Credentials committee would be clerk and assistant clerk).

6. Suggestion regarding minutes printing—that Association Moderator will take care of printing minutes on computer. They will be caught up and printed by October meeting. Move was made, second was made and carried to do this. Reminder to contact each church and see how many copies are needed rather than sending too many. This will be done on trial to see if it is successful.

The nominating committee is: Bro. Gary Miller-Chairman/Bro. Ken Michael/Bro. Kenneth Terry. The revision committee is: Bro. Henry Shellman/Bro. Ron McCraney/Bro. Richard Hendrix. Assistant Moderator position to be filled by Bro. McElroy and assistant presbytery committee is to be Bro. Mike Rogers.

Total attendance was 48 with 9 of these being visitors. Soul's Harbor won the attendance plaque.

Bro. Paul Bryant led the congregation in "Because He Lives." An offering of \$153.14 was received. Bro. Rivers, our speaker, was given a \$200.00 offering.

Bro. Raymond Rivers brought the message on the "Verge of Victory"—scripture reference was II Samuel 23:8-12. Tribulation will come and so will great victories. Victory comes from the Lord. Eleazar had: (1) Warfare—Battle between the Lord, His people and forces of evil. (I Peter 5:8). (2) Weapon—Take the sword of the spirit and charge against enemies of God. God's word is a powerful weapon. It works! (3) Weariness—We all go on trial in the Lord's work at times. Be encouraged by I Cor. 15:58. (4) Willingness—Be willing to fight the battle for the Lord. Romans 6:12. "Present Yourselves." (5) Winning the Battle—Victory is ours.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. Bro. Rick Cash led in the closing prayer and gave thanks for the delicious meal the ladies at Madison had prepared.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 15, 2006

### Association:

Balance: 10-15-05 \$ 339.86

#### Income:

April Offering	\$ 53.14
Church Dues (7)	\$700.00
Extra Offering	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$853.14

#### Expenses:

Guest Speaker	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$200.00

Balance: 04-15-2006 \$993.00

### Youth Fund:

Balance: 04-15-2006 \$ 2.93



**MINUTES**  
**Of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**October 21, 2006**  
**Soul's Harbor FWB Church**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the North Alabama Association convened at Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church, Vinemont, AL on October 21, 2006. The meeting opened with Bro. Aaron Dawson leading "Victory In Jesus." Bro. Dennis Haygood called the meeting to order and Bro. Mike Rogers led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Bro. Kenneth Terry and recognition of Bro. Rick Cash, the AL State Promotional Director as our guest for the day.

Special music was "Christmas Joy" which was written and sung by Sis. Phyllis Detherage of the Southpark FWB Church. Sis. Detherage and Sis. Jean McCraney of the Decatur FWB Church will be part of a team of 10 FWB ladies who will be going to Central Asia in January as part of "Operation Christmas Joy" to distribute Christmas gifts to orphans.

Bro. Jeremy Cox brought the devotion using I John 4:8 as the text. "The number 1 reason the church exists is to reach the lost" and all Christians need to recommit ourselves to sharing Christ with others.

Bro. Dave Franks, Jr. was recognized to report on International Missions. Impulse is now a DVD magazine for International Missions.

Bro. Rick Cash gave a report from the State Promotional Office, highlighting the recent trip to Russia and the job being done by the Corley's. He reported the excitement on presenting the check for "Operation Renovation" from the N AL CE Board and Bro. Paul Bryant. Bro. Fred Jones has resigned from the AL Hispanic work and Bro. Wayne Wilson has resigned from the mission work in Prattville. Bro. Wilson accepted a pastorate in Arkansas. The Southpark Church is to go self-supporting and the Mobile, AL area is to be targeted by the AL State Mission Board for planting a new church.

Old Business: None.

New Business: MMS & C to seat the delegates. Minutes were read and the Treasurer's report was given. MMS & C to accept as read. Bro. Haygood reported that the minutes printing has been caught up and are now available. The goal is to have today's minutes to the churches by Thanksgiving supper in Nov. The cost of printing the minutes has been cut.

Bro. Paul Bryant gave the CE Board report. There will be a rally for the youth at Madison on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> with games and activities for kids of the quarterly. He needs contacts in local churches. MMS & C to receive this report. Rev. Richard Hendrix asked the congregation to encourage churches to give more to the youth fund in order to make activities more accessible. Bro. Haygood asked for motion to give today's offering to CE Board. MMS & C to do this.

Bro. Kenneth Terry gave the Presbytery committee report. The following have been examined and these recommendations made:

1. Bro. Timothy York be received into the N AL Assn. of FWB, upon receipt of his letter of good standing. Bro. York pastors the First FWB church of Decatur.
2. Bro. Jeremy Cox to be licensed to preach at the Soul's Harbor FWB Church.
3. Bro. Jason Thomas Keith to be licensed to preach. Requested by Bethel FWB of Cullman.

MMS & C to accept these recommendations. Rev. Cash prayed a prayer of commitment for these young men.

Nominating Committee report was given by Bro. Gary Miller.

Moderator: Bro. Kenneth Terry

Asst. Moderator: Bro. Dennis Haygood

Clerk: Jean McCraney

Asst. Clerk: Amy Beck

Children's Home Trustee: Bro. Gary Miller

CE Board: Bro. Timothy York, Bro. Paul Bryant, Bro. Stephen Beck.

State General Board: Bro. Richard Hendrix

A suggestion was made that the CE Board be nominated in conjunction with the National Bylaws. Motion was made to elect the State Gen. Board member from the body by Bro. Rodney Yerby, MS & C. MMS & C to nominate the above as officers of the NAL Assoc. of Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Haygood reported that the Constitutional Review committee has not been able to meet due to not having materials needed to do so. Bro. Paul Jones has a copy of a Constitution from the 70's to be brought to this committee.

Appointment of committees for 2007 by Bro. Kenneth Terry:

Presbytery: Bro. Larry McElroy-Cedar Creek, Bro. Mike Rogers-Madison, Bro. Gary Miller-Ebenezer, Bro. Dennis Haygood-Southpark.

Constitutional Committee: Bro. Richard Hendrix, chair. Bro. Ron McCraney, Bro. Henry Shellman, and Bro. Dennis Haygood.

Nominating Committee: Bro. Ron McCraney, chair-Decatur, Bro. Ken Michael-Madison, Bro. Rodney Yerby-Madison, Bro. Aaron Dawson-Soul's Harbor.

Announcements: Total of 48 in attendance today. Decatur and Madison share the plaque.

Future Meetings: Thanksgiving Supper will be at Cedar Creek November 21, 2006. April 2007 meeting—Ebenezer. October 2007 meeting—First Decatur. November 2007—Thanksgiving Supper at Madison.

During break each church will look over minutes for approval to continue to have Bro. Haygood to do them "in house." MMS & C to print them thusly. Amendment was made, if needed in future, to return to printer.

Music by Soul's Harbor trio, "The Haven Of Rest."

Rev. Timothy York brought the message from Hebrews 2:1-4. The writer is warning believers not to fall away. "We must be careful not to 'slip' on the fundamentals of our faith. We need to anchor ourselves to Christ."

After the meeting was adjourned, delegates to State meeting were appointed during the lunch hour: Ron McCraney, Marie Terry, Carolyn Michael, others to be named by Bro. Terry at the meeting.

Rising vote of thanks given to the host church. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Paul Bryant.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 2006

## Association:

Balance: 04-15-06	\$993.00
Balance Adjustment:	+ .02
New Balance: 04-15-06	<u>\$993.02</u>

### Income:

Offering	\$ 98.10
Church Dues (7)	<u>\$700.00</u>
TOTAL	\$798.10

### Expenses:

State Dues (7)	\$945.00
Postage	\$ 9.66
Checks	\$ 16.60
Reimbursement—N.	
AL Kids Celebration	<u>\$ 53.98</u>
TOTAL	\$1,025.24

Balance: 10-31-2006 \*\* \$765.88

\*\*Note: This total includes Youth Fund Balance.

## Youth Fund:

Balance: 04-15-06 \$ 2.93

### Income:

Offering 10/02/06	<u>\$ 98.10</u>
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### Expense:

Reimbursement—N.	
AL Kids Celebration	<u>\$ 53.98</u>

Balance: 10/31/06 \$ 47.05



## **NOTES:**

## NOTES:



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.

