

Proceedings for the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists  
Semi-annual Meeting  
April 17, 2010

The 20<sup>th</sup> Semi-annual meeting of the N. Al Assoc. met at Cedar Creek FWB Church, Hartselle, Al. The meeting opened with a congregational song, "I'll Fly Away" led by Glen Stover with his son Allen Stover at the piano. Bro. Kenneth Terry, moderator, greeted everyone. Bro. Larry McElroy gave the welcome and morning devotion from Romans 12:1,2 on "A New Word." The new word is Integrity. Examples were given of how the lost have no concern for the things of God. But the Biblical standard still stand today just as they did when the Bible was written.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Terry. Informational reports were given. Bro. Rodney Yerby gave the Promotional Director's Report, the Children's Home Report, and the World Missions Report.

Promotional Office:

- (1) Bro. Rick Cash sent some dates for mission trips. Asked to pray for each of these trips and for the workers involved.
- (2) We were urged to support the ones in Montgomery working against gambling.
- (3) Roll Call Sunday results were 12,423 people in FWB Churches with several decisions made for the Lord.

Children's Home:

- (1) There will be a reunion of former alumni and a benefit singing at the children's home today.
- (2) Special prayer request for 3 siblings and their mother who is not able to care for them. They have been at the home or about three years. The mother is trying to get them back. A judge is going to either give them back to their mother or put them in foster care in TN. There will be a hearing on May 5.
- (3) 16 children are living at the home, but can handle 38. If you know of children from our churches or the community that need help, send their names to Mike Corley.
- (4) Giving is down, but the board is trying to spend the money wisely.

World Mission Offering:

- (1) The date for the World Mission Offering this year is April 25, 2010. Use the coin banks and special offerings to help in this effort.
- (2) International Missions is struggling financially in these economic times, but do what you can and pray for missionaries all over the world.

Bro. Richard Hendrix gave a report on the trip he is planning to Mexico. He's going to help with the electrical work on a church being built.

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Resumed meeting with a congregational song, "Down at the Cross".

Nominating Comm Report presented by Rev Dave Franks, Jr.

Moderator	Rev Richard Hendrix
Asst Moderator	Rev Henry Shellman
Clerk	Jean McCraney
Asst Clerk	Amy Beck

CE Board (when needed): Rev Aaron Dawson, Matt Dominioni, Jeremy Cox

Children's Home Trustee: Rev Kenneth Terry

Presbytery Comm: Chair, Ron McCraney; Rev Craig McCarley, Rev Kenneth Terry, Rev Aaron Dawson

Nominating Comm: (2014) Chair, Bro Ken Michael; Bro Robert Partain; Rev Dennis Reeves

MMS&C to accept

Future Meetings:

April 20, 2013 Madison FWB Church

October 19, 2013 First FWB Decatur

MMS&C to send offering of \$93 today and to round it up to \$200, to the FWB Children's Home at Eldridge.

Message:

Rev Mike Corley, director of FWB Children's Home gave the morning message and a report on the Children's home. He is amazed at the giving of God's people to the Children's home. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Toy Run will be Dec 1. Last yr \$59,000 was raised. Continue to be in prayer for the Children's home.

Bro Corley, used the text Joshua 23:1-8 to share the lessons for us today regarding keeping God's work alive. I. Concern: We must 1) address problems of taking God's Laws for granted. 2) People of God are giving themselves over to other Gods today. 3) Total Commitment to Christ. II.Challenges : 1) If you will serve the Lord, He will bless you, if you do not He will challenge you. 2) Reminds Israel of all He has done, this should also motivate us to do more for Him. 3) Clean up our lives and live for God faithfully. III. Covenant: 1) Have we made covenants with God and carried them out? God keeps His promises if we serve Him! Where are the Joshua's and Elijah's today, that will stand up for Jesus? Will you?

Credentials Report was given. All churches sent letters with \$100 Representation Fee except Madison. It will be mailed. Move and seconded. The delegates were seated.

Letters for:			Number in Attendance
Cedar Creek	\$100	ck # 7646	14
Bethel/Cullman	\$100	ck #5864	2
Soul's Harbor	\$100	ck #1557	3
FFW/Decatur	\$100	ck #1680	4
South Park	\$100	ck #5855	0
First/Huntsville	\$100	Cash	8
Ebenezer	\$100	ck 5863	6
Madison			6

Delegates:

Cedar Creek - Bud Hill, Frances Stover, Cozie Holmes

Bethel/Cullman - Fay Moore

Soul's Harbor - Florence Knott, Wynette Cagle, Marie Terry

FFW/Decatur - Amanda York

South Park - No one here

First/Huntsville - dot Reeves, Bryan King, Daniel Ferguson

Ebenezer - Florence Hale, Korie Dawson

Madison - Carolyn Michael, Phyllis Detherage

Minutes and treasurers report read by Carolyn Michael. MMS&C to accept as read.

Christian Education Board Report given by Bro. Tim York. Still working on the seminars. There will be a GO TEN Walk on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Will meet at the Winfield Church and end at Eldridge. Gifts will be given to ones who earn the most money for missions.

Presbytery Committee Report given by Bro. Larry McElroy. There were 3 items for them to consider: (1) Letter from FWB/Huntsville to ask another church to host the

Thanksgiving meal since they will not have a church building by then.

(2) Request prayer for the Bethel Church

(3) Reaffirmation to State on gambling issue.

Items taken one at a time:

(1) Thanksgiving Meal will be a Madison FWB.

(2) Special prayer given by Bro. Tim York for the Bethel Church.

(3) Recommend and reaffirm the State Association's Stand on the gambling issue.

Call our representatives and let them know how we stand. MMM&C

Huntsville had the most in attendance. Bro. Richard Hendrix made a motion to purchase a new plaque and if a church receives it 3 times in a row then they get to keep

it, and a new one will be purchased. Bro. Terry will take care of getting this taken care of.

MS&C

Correction to the program on the date for the October Meeting. It will be Oct. 16, 2010.

Offering is usually designated for the speaker. Bro. Tim York recommended it go to

International Missions. Everyone agreed. The offering today was \$77.16.

Bro. Terry made a motion to make a donation to the State Association for their project of

building a Promotional Office on the grounds at the Children's Home. MMS&C to

donate \$250 for this.

Announcements made: Auction, May 21<sup>st</sup> Madison Church for Scholarships to FWB

School at St. Croix, VI

WAC Meeting - May 1<sup>st</sup> Mt. Zion, Pell City

Worship Service started with a congregational song, "Are You Washed In The Blood".

Then there were specials by Allen Stover, "The Anchor Holds" and "Sinner Saved By

Grace". Specials were, also, sang by Deloyns Johns, "A Song the Angels Can't Sing" and

"Through The Blood". The morning message was brought by Bro. Dennis Reeves with

his text being Psalm 1:1-3.

Continuous blessings fall on the man who does not pay attention to the ungodly. Our delight should be in the Lord. The things of God will make you rejoice, praise God, and be happy. The man who obeys the first two verses will be like a tree planted by the Rivers of Water.

Directions for lunch were given by Bro. McElroy.

A rising vote of thanks for the Host Church was given.

Bro. Richard Hendrix dismissed.

## PROCEEDINGS

### N. AL. ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### ANNUAL MEETING

October 16, 2010

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the N. Al. Assoc. met at the Soul's Harbor FWB Church, Vinemont, Al on Oct. 16, 2010. The meeting began with the song "Just Over in the Glory Land" led by Bro Jeremy Cox. Rev. Kenneth Terry, pastor, welcomed everyone and gave the response. Bro. Bud Cagle, deacon, gave the morning devotion. His text was from Mark ch. 13 on "Be careful, watch what we say, do or hear, as Christians".

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Terr. All letters were received except for the Madison church. It will be sent by the clerk asap.

#### Informational Reports:

Al FWB Promotional Office-Rev. Rick Cash gave the report. Ala FWB have given \$62,130.02 towards Acts 1:8. Praise the Lord that giving is up and ahead of budget. Prayer item for starting a new project by the State Mission Board in the Oxford/Anniston area in 2011.

Children's Home-Rev. Mike Corley gave the report. Currently 20 children are living at the home. Praising the Lord that giving is up. There is a critical need for appliances at this time. The "Bridge" program has begun to help teens bridge the gap from adolescence to adult, helping them to become independent. Three independent cottages are being planned and completed on campus. Goal of the Home is to introduce children to Christ asap.

International Missions-Bro. Rodney Yerby reported on FWB celebrating 75 yrs of International Missions at the National Association Meeting in July. IM continues to struggle with finances. Appealed to all to continue to pray, give and go for IM.

Special Prayer was led by Rev. Richard Hendrix for Rev. Gary Miller, pastor of the Cave Springs FWB church and his family. Also prayer was given for Rev Milan Ruble and Rev. Bert Tippet, three Godly men in critical condition at the current time.

Resumed meeting with the song "There's Power in the Blood" and "Are You Washed in the Blood?" led by Rev. Jeremy Cox.

Credentials report given by Sis Jean McCraney. 8 churches, 7 letters \$945 in monies rec'd. MMS&C to receive this report. MMS&C to seat the delegates. Reading of the minutes and treasurer's report given by Sis. McCraney MMS&C

Presbytery Comm-given by Rev. Henry Shellman. Ron McCraney stood in on this comm. for Rev Aaron Dawson due to his being on another comm. 2 letters have been rec'd requesting letters of good standing for Rev. Jason Keith and Rev. Timothy York. MMS&C to send letters. Rev. Hendrix asked Bro Ron McCraney to take Bro Dawson's place on this committee for rest of term.

#### Other Business:

Bro. Mike Rogers suggested doing away with the lunch following the Association meetings due to some of the churches struggling financially. Motion made by Bro Rogers, Second. Discussion: suggestion made by Rev. Kenneth Terry to try this for a year and it can be changed back later. MMS&C

Delegates to State of AI Association to be held at the Northport FWB Church: Ron and Jean McCraney, Carolyn Michael, Carolyn Hendrix.

#### Future Meetings:

April 2012-First FWB Decatur

October 2012-Soul's Harbor FWB

Thanksgiving 2012-Madison

Offering today to be divided between Children's Home and ALCAP. Prayer for offering given by Bro Ron McCraney. Offering \$126.00

After praising the Lord with the song "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" by the congregation, Sis Patsy Shellman sang "Come as you are" in special music.

Message: Rev. Joe Godfrey, Ex Director of ALCAP. "We who choose not to drink, are the ones who suffer". "Our culture is drowning in Alcohol". Abstinence is a basic principle found throughout God's word. Using scripture from Gen. 9-18-29 and Eph. 5:18, we are to be "filled with the spirit". This is a command! We need to educate and evangelize people to show that only Christ can fill their emptiness.

MMS&C to give ALCAP and Childrens Home a total of \$200 each.

MMS&C to give host church a rising stand of approval for their generous hospitality.

Bro John Tucker led the prayer to end the meeting and bless the food.

Jean McCraney, Clerk