

## Proceedings for the North Al Association Semi-Annual Meeting

April 16, 2011

The 21<sup>st</sup> Semi-annual meeting of the North Alabama Association of Free Will Bapt. Opened at Ebenezer FWB Church with Pastor Aaron Dawson welcoming everyone. Rev Dawson led the congregation in song "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus". Rev Richard Hendrix, moderator also welcomed the congregation and all sang "He Set Me Free". Rev. Mike Rogers presented the morning devotion from John 17: 4-6 on glorifying Christ.

Rev. Hendrix called the meeting to order and asked for the delegates to be seated. The clerk called the roll. All churches letters received. MMS&C to seat the delegates.

### Informational reports:

Rev. Hendrix reported on the Mexican missions with the Nauwok Indians and Bud and Ruth Bivens. 38 salvation decisions made on recent trip.

Bro. Rodney Yerby gave the report for the Al Executive office for Bro Rick Cash. Rev. Lynn Blanchard has been hired by the Al Home Missions Board to begin a new work in Oxford Al. Also, construction has begun on the State Executive Office in Eldridge, Al. Bro. Yerby also gave the International Missions Report. Bro Paul Jones led a special prayer for the financial crisis facing IM.

Rev. Mike Corley, director of FWB Children's Home gave the report that the Childrens Home recently passed the DHR guidelines. A new website is up on the internet. Major goal is for children to be saved.

MMS&C to accept these reports for information.

BREAK

Resumed meeting with song "Victory in Jesus".

Minutes and Treasurer's report presented by the clerk. MMS&C to accept as read.

Presbytery Comm. Report-given by Chairman, Bro. Russ Detherage. Asked special prayer for the Decatur and Bethel Churches who are without pastors, that God would burden men about taking the pulpits again.

Moderator asked for cong. to set aside the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month to fast and pray for our churches and the Association as a body. Bro Paul Jones made this a motion. MMS&C to do so.

CE Board Report- given by Rev. Aaron Dawson. A survey may be forthcoming to see what help this board can be for the sister churches. Received as information.

Clerk Announced that the Oct dues from the representative churches will be raised from \$135.00 to \$185.00 per church. This is in compliance with dues being raised from the National Assoc. to the State Assoc.

Offering prayer led by Bro Ron McCraney. \$139

Special song presented by Bro Bobby Henley "It's Not What You Have, But Who You Know".

Morning Message presented by Rev. Mike Corley. Text was I Sam 3: 1 & 16 "Children represent the largest unsaved people in the world". Someone has to go and do the "unfinished task". How do you know when God is calling you to Missions? Acts 13:1-3, the key is "as they ministered to the Lord". What are you doing for the Lord? Are you helping in the "Unfinished Task"? We need to step out of our comfort zones and get offensive in the war against satan.

Bro Hendrix presented to the body that we round the offering of \$76 up to \$100 to give to the Children's Home and we also give \$100 to International Missions. MMS&C to do so.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church for their warm hospitality and the meeting was closed in an Altar of prayer for International Missions, Churches without pastors and all shared burdens.

PROCEEDINGS  
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING

OCT.15, 2011

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the North Al Association of FWB convened at the Madison FWB Church on Oct. 15, 2011. Meeting was opened with the song "Joy Unspeakable" led by Bro Mike Rogers. Prayer by Rev. Henry Shellman. Rev. Rogers then led the congregation in "The Old Rugged Cross".

Rev. Richard Hendrix, moderator, welcomed all and Rev. Kenneth Terry gave the response. Bro Matt Dominioni of the Madison church brought the morning devotion from 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. "Watch, Stand fast, be brave and strong". Illustrations used from OT and NT to encourage this today.

Rev. Hendrix called the meeting to order. Reports given for information:

Rev. Danny Williams-gave report from the Children's Home. Pray for the finances and the children. Had 6 salvations and 5 baptisms this year. Bro Williams also gave the Executive Office report for Bro Rick Cash. Giving to Acts 1:8 is down this year. Budget cuts are being made in the office. New office bldg. on grounds of Children's home is "blackened in".

Rev. Richard Hendrix gave a repost on the Mexican missions. Total of 41 salvations during recent trip.

Bro. Hendrix appointed Rev. Henry Shellman to chair the Presbytery Committee due to the resignation of Bro. Russ Detherage.

Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. led in prayer.

Break

Resumed meeting with song "To God Be The Glory".

MMS&C to seat the delegates. Letters and monies are all in with exception of the Bethel FWB in Cullman and Madison FWB. Madison did not receive the letter the clerk mailed due to the loss of property of the Madison clerk due to the tornado in April. (Letter and money arrived 10 days later).

Minutes read and treasurer's report given by the clerk. MMS&C

Attendance plaque for today's meeting goes to First FWB Huntsville with 10 present.

Committee Reports:

CE Board- Given by Rev. Aaron Dawson. Survey to be sent to the churches to ask for their help as to what the CE board can do to help sister churches. MMS&C to receive as information.

Presbytery report-given by Rev. Larry McElroy of Cedar Creek fWB. Item 1-Jasper Assoc. requests a letter of good standing to be sent for Rev. Mike Corley. MMS&C Item 2-Change the Thanksgiving worship service date. The committee recommends the dates stay the same. MMS&C Item 3- Prayer for the Bethel and Decatur churches as they seek a pastor. MMS&C

Christian Education Board- Rev. Aaron Dawson gave the report and asks that the body prayerfully consider the future and what the Assoc. wants the CE board to do. Pastors and lay leaders need to make suggestions and ideas to the board. MMS&C

Nominating Comm. -Bro. Ron McCraney of Decatur FWB gave the following recommendations:

Moderator-Rev. Richard Hendrix

Asst. Moderator-Rev. William McElroy

Clerk-Jean McCraney

Asst. Clerk-Amy Beck

Children's Home Trustee-Rev. Kenneth Terry

CE Board-Matt Dominion (2012), Jeremy Cox (2010), Aaron Dawson (2011)

State General Board-Moderator, Rev Richard Hendrix

MMS&C to approve the above.

New Committees: Bro. Hendrix appointed the following to committees:

Presbytery: Russ Dethereage, Chairman, John Tucker and Rev. Aaron Dawson

Nominating: Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. , Chairman, Rev. Dennis Reeves, and Rodney Yerby

Attendance- 35, with Huntsville FWB receiving the plaque

Delegates to the State Assoc. meeting to be held Nov 10-12 at South Highland FWB are:

Carolyn Hendrix, Ron McCraney, Bennie Moore, Faye Moore, Carolyn Michael and Marie Terry

Future Meetings: Thanksgiving Nov 22, 2011 at the Madison FWB Church, April 16, 2011 (Semi-Annual) at the Ebenezer FWB Church, Oct 15, 2011 (Annual meeting) at the Madison FWB Church . Bro Hendrix also volunteered the Madison church to host all future Thanksgiving services unless another church requests to do so. MMS&C

Offering today was rounded up to \$150.00 to be donated to International Missions. MMS&C to also give Bro. Rick Cash \$50 for gas money to attend meeting. MMS&C to give \$200 to Mexico mission trip. Bro. Dave Franks, Jr asked for specific prayer for Mexico and the missionaries there due to the increase in

violence and safety concerns. Moderator asked all churches to specifically pray for this. MMS&C to send \$200 to the State Promo. Office.

Special Music given by Rev Kenneth and Sis Marie Terry, "Who Am I?".

Rev. Rick Cash brought the morning message from Gen 35: 1-5, "What is Bethel?" A place of confrontation with almighty God. Where is your Bethel? Go back to the place you committed your all to God. There are 3 altars: personal altar, family altar and a church altar. We need to get back to these. "We've lost our hunger for God".

MMS&C to give the host church and Bro Terry a round of thanks for their generosity and his service to the Association. Rev. Richard Hendrix dismissed the body with prayer.