

PROCEEDINGS
NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
BI-ANNUAL MEETING

April 22, 2012

The 22nd Bi-Annual N Al Association meeting was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Decatur Al. Opened with song "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" led by Br Durvan Clark.

Bro Paul Jones led in prayer and Rev. Henry Shellman, Pastor, welcomed the congregation. Rev. Shellman was appointed assistant Moderator due to the health/recent surgery of Rev. Richard Hendrix. Response was given by Bro Mike Rogers of Madison. Asked all to pray for 1)pain mgmt. 2)physical therapy and for Sis Carolyn Hendrix. Also noted that Sis. Elwanda Oaks formerly of Vernon, and the Al State WAC Sec needed special prayer as well. A special prayer for these was led by Rev. Kenneth Terry,

Rev Henry Shellman began the morning's devotion with a test to see who knew who Shamgar was, in the Bible. Taking his scripture from Judges Ch 5, he then presented 4 truths found in this scripture:

- 1) Shamgar did what he could, 2) Shamgar did what he could, with what he had, 3) Shamgar did what he could, with what he had, where he was and 4) Shamgar did what he could, with what he had, where he was all for the Glory of God. This is a great lesson for all of us serving God.

Meeting was called to order by Rev Shellman. He appt'd Rev Kenneth Terry and Rev Dennis Reeves to serve on the Presbytery Comm.

BREAK-a delicious brunch was prepared by the Decatur ladies and enjoyed by all during the break and committee meetings

Business resumed led in prayer by Rev Aaron Dawson.

BUSINESS:

Credentials Comm report given by the Clerk. MMS&C to receive the report. A request was read from the First FWB of Hackleburg, Al to join the N Al Association. MMS&C to receive the Hackleburg church and seat the delegates from all the churches. Ebenezer and Bethel Church of Cullman have stated they are withdrawing from the Association at this time, due to financial situations.

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

CE Board Report-given by Rev Aaron Dawson. A questionnaire will be handed out to each church represented to see what the CE Board can do to assist the sister churches. He recorded that the by-laws be adjusted so that the CE Board can do accordingly. MMS&C

Presbytery Comm report- Rev Dennis Reeves, Rev Kenneth Terry, Rev Henry Shellman and Bro Ron McCraney gave the following report: Request for ordination made for Bro Wayne Overton of First FWB Hackleburg to be ordained at his church at a future date. MMS&C Rev Shellman introduced Bro Overton to the congregation.

Other Business: Rev Mike Rogers asked for Bro Overton to report on the re-building of the Hackleburg church due to the tornado of April 7, 2011.

Rev. Danny Williams reported on FWB Children's Home-finished in the "black" for 2011, with the largest December offerings ever. Praise the Lord, "When God's people do their part, God meets their needs". Request made for referral of new children. 16, at present with Chad and Angela Hart of First FWB Dothan coming as new houseparents. Pray for Dustin, who is a Sr in High School this year to be sensitive to God's leadership. Several teams coming to work this summer.

Rev Rick Cash gave the report from the Ex Office. Acts 1:8 giving is up from the first 3 mos of 2011. Bay City FWB just celebrated the 5th Anniv of the church with 122 in attendance. Rev Tim Riggs, pastor, reported 153 on Easter. Let's rejoice in what God is doing. 4 have recently been baptized at the new church in Oxford, where Rev Len Blanchard is ministering. Also asked for prayer for the camps in Russia and the Russian ministers. The Executive Office is bricked and have \$9000 in construction funds. Thanked N AI for giving \$3,601.56.

Bro Rodney Yerby gave report for IM and WMO by using a special film. "It is an exciting time to be FWB and a Christian." 1600 FWB decisions made last year in Int Missions. N AI Assoc gave \$2500 to WMO and over \$10,000 in the last 7 yrs. Money is there, pray and do what you can to give to IM. He has DVD's for each church. WMO day is April 29.

OFFERING TAKEN-\$45 MMS&C to send to IM—Clerk, Jean McCraney, made a motion to round that up to \$500 due to the financial crisis in IM at the current time. MMS&C

Special music-Sis Marie Terry blessed with "One Holy Lamb"

Message: Bro Wayne Overton, new pastor of the Hackleburg FWB church gave a report on the tornado damage and then used Luke 5:1-7 as his text for the morning message. If we are going to impress people it will be thru God's word. Nothing else will make a difference. Using Faith with the Word, Future with the Word, and Fellowship by sharing the Word, we need to Follow the instructions in God's Word to impact people's lives.

Announcements: Rev Dennis Reeves announced the involvement of WHNT in Huntsville, in settling a situation with the moving of a bldg. for the Huntsville church. Rev Henry Shellman encouraged all to lift our churches up in prayer and encourage them; especially the Bethel Church in Cullman (no pastor for 2 yrs) and the Cedar Creek church (looking for a pastor, following resignation of Rev. Wm. McElroy).

Rev. Mike Rogers made the motion to adjourn and give the Church at Decatur a rising vote of thanks.
S&C

Dismissed in prayer by Bro Dennis Reeves.

Jean McCraney, Clerk

N AI Association of FWB

Amy Beck, Asst Clerk

Minutes of the N Al Qtrly Association of Free Will Bapt

October 20, 2012

The 47th Annual meeting of the N Al Assoc of Free Will Bapt, met at the Soul's Harbor FWB Church in Vinemont, Al on October 20, 2012. The meeting began with singing "When We All Get To Heaven".

Moderator, Rev Richard Hendrix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Response was given by Bro Ken Michael of Madison FWB.

Devotion was given by Rev Henry W Shellman, Sr, pastor of the First FWB Decatur. Using the text Acts 13:13, Rev Shellman encouraged us that "we can not afford to give up", "we are too near home to turn back". "God needs every soldier who will go for Him". "Don't live to be accepted by man, live to be accepted by God"!

The meeting was officially called to order by Rev Hendrix. He appointed Bro Ken Michael to serve on the Nominating Comm for Bro John Tucker who was absent.

Prayer led by Rev Aaron Dawson of Ebenezer FWB.

Break

Reconvened the meeting with the song "I'll Fly Away", led by Bro Robert Partain. Prayer by Rev Dave Franks, Jr.

Credentials Comm report- given by the clerk and a MMS&C to seat the delegates.

Minutes and Treasurers report read by the clerk. MMS&C to accept as read.

CE Board report- given by Rev Aaron Dawson. It was suggested that the CE Board be tabled unless there is a special event, at which time the board would be called into service. Let the Assoc decide if there would be an Ad-Hoc committee. MMS&C

Presbytery Comm -given by Bro Ron McCraney. 2 points to be considered:

- 1) Recommend Rev Craig McCarley to be rec'd into the N Al Assoc upon receiving of letter from State Line Assoc. MMS&C Rev Hendrix gave right hand of fellowship to Bro McCarley.
- 2) Southpark FWB Church be put on "inactive" status, and if they do not report by the next meeting of the N AL Assoc, then they will be withdrawn from the Assoc. No dues have been paid to the State Assoc for them. Moderator will check with Bro Haygood regarding their status.

Delegates for the Al State Assoc Meeting: Carolyn Michael and Jean McCraney

Informational Reports

Bro Hendrix gave report on recent trip to Mexico, explaining the dangers of the work that is going on there with the Bivens. But, God is working and churches are being built.

October(2014)Cedar Creek

Rev Richard Hendrix made motion to give thanks to the Host (First FWB Decatur) today.

Sis Carolyn Michael announced the WAC Banquet at the State Association and encouraged all to attend.

Sis Faye Moore of Laodicea Church requested prayer for upcoming surgery on knee.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev Richard Hendrix

Respectfully submitted:

Jean McCraney, Clerk

Amy Beck, Asst Clerk