

**1992 MINUTES
OF THE
NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**Minutes of the
NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Decatur Free Will Baptist Church – January 10, 1992**

The North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists met January 10, 1992 at the Decatur Free Will Baptist Church. After a refreshing fellowship time around the table, the meeting began with singing led by Mr. Jim Mounts.

The program, "Build My Church," was presented by a panel of four: Rev. Ronald Wallace – Through Preaching; Rev. Brian Ray – Through Visitation; Rev. Billy McKinney – through Youth Activities; Mr. Jim Mounts – Through Lay People. We were enlightened and challenged by these presentations.

The business meeting was called to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The delegates were seated from Word of Life, Shallowford, North Fayette, Liberty, Soul's Harbor and Decatur.

MSC to remove from the table the Guidelines for the North Georgia Association. The Guidelines were read item by item and discussed. MSC to amend item 3 of guidelines to read:

An ordained Minister of the Association will maintain active fellowship by attending the meetings on a regular basis with the minimum requirement of one meeting per year. Failure to

maintain active fellowship could affect his ministerial standing within the Association. The ordaining Council will recommend to the body a suggested change in the standing of a minister. MSC, to adopt the Guidelines as a whole.

Then there was a discussion of the Recommendations from the Ordaining Council.

MSC, to accept Rev. Billy McKinney's invitation to host the Association Friday night, April 24, 1992.

New Business: Chuck Snow made an announcement of Nathan and Linda Snow going to Japan as missionaries. There are scheduled to leave in August. Offering from tonight's meeting to go to Nathan and Linda's account.

Announcements:

- Revival at Liberty May 10-13, 1992 and a special Easter Service April 17.
- Flames basketball team will be in Atlanta.
- State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat is March 13-14. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Laura Thigpen.

MSC, to adjourn.

Ms. Mary Bruner, Clerk
Rev. Luther Burns, Moderator

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$434.23
Offering and Dues - January	181.19
Subtotal	\$615.42
Gift to Nathan and Linda Snow	- 106.19
Current Balance	\$509.23

**Minutes of the
North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Liberty Bible Free Will Baptist Church - April 1992**

North Georgia Association met with Liberty Bible Church. Services opened with singing, a duet by Josh and Austin McKinney. Youth competition began with more singing: a quartet and trio from Liberty: Bible memorization by Travis Gaites and Sword Drill competition with 5 participants. All participants were from Liberty. These will compete in the State Youth Competition May 8 and 9. We were challenged by these youth and encouraged to go back and work harder with our respective groups.

A wonderful fellowship time was enjoyed. Good food, visits with friends and just a great time enjoyed by all.

Business meeting was called, reading and adoption of minutes. Janice Wallace, Susie Mounts, Lisa Wallace, Delores Burns, Mary Bruner and Debbie Lynn along with standing delegates were seated from Liberty, Shallowford, Soul's Harbor, North Fayette and Decatur.

Old Business: recommendations to send copies of last 2-3 meetings plus a letter and updated Associational Guidelines and Constitution and By-Laws to the Athens Church.

Motion, seconded and carried, for North Georgia Association to pay the entry fee for our contestants from this Association to the State Youth Competition.

Motion, seconded and carried, to have a special youth emphasis on a Friday night through Saturday weekend. The camping board/youth activities committee is to make and finalize plans.

North Fayette Church to host June 5, 1992 associational meeting.

Announcements: Revival at Liberty May 10-13 with Rev. Larry Powell as guest speaker. Dedication Services for Shallowford Church will be May 17, 1992. We congratulate them on their beautiful new facilities.

A time of sharing from each church here was enjoyed. Some encouraging ideas and activities are being tried in our different groups.

Motion, seconded and carried to adjourn with a standing of appreciation for the hospitality and youth program from the host church.

Rev. Luther Burns, Moderator
Ms. Mary Bruner, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$509.23
Dues received	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$609.23
Paid Youth State Entry Fees	<u>-123.00</u>
Balance	\$486.23

Minutes of the North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists North Fayette Free Will Baptist Church – June 5, 1992

North Georgia Association met at North Fayette Free Church. After a good meal and a time of fellowship, the business meeting was called to order.

Motion, seconded and carried, to seat the delegates from Soul's Harbor, North Fayette, Shallowford, Word of Life, and Decatur. Reading and approval of minutes from last meeting.

Letter and information well be sent to Athens Church in the next 6 weeks.

No New Business.

Time of Sharing – Flag Day at North Fayette will be June 14 and Rev. Bobby Jackson will speak June 8.

Next Association meeting is September 4 or 5. Shallowford will notify us of definite date and time.

North Georgia Women's group meets September 12, hosted by Word of Life. Will meet at Decatur Church.

Motion, seconded and carried to formulate a time at the end of each meeting to promote the good of the Association.

We were fortunate to be able to see the video of our Free Will Baptist origin in a video on Benjamin Randall. Brother Luther had obtained the video from the National Home Mission Department.

Report on youth/camp to be August 14-15, to begin at 8:00 and go through 3:00 Saturday.

Motion, seconded and carried to adjourn by standing, showing appreciation for hospitality to host church.

Rev. Luther Burns, Moderator
Ms. Mary Bruner, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$486.23
Offering and Dues 6-5-92	<u>116.50</u>
Total on Hand	\$602.73

Minutes of the
North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Shallowford Free Will Baptist Church – September 11, 1992

North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptist met at Shallowford Church. A fellowship meal was enjoyed between 7:30 and 8:30 P.M.

Business Session was started with singing led by Jim Mounts. Opening prayer was by Brian Ray. Special music by Shallowford Quartet.

Message by Ronald Wallace, Restoring the Worship System as taught by Nehemiah.

Motion, seconded and carried, to seat delegates from Shallowford, Liberty, Word of Life, Decatur and North Fayette Churches.

Old business: Update on Ladies meeting from September 12 to September 26. Report on Youth Camp endeavor. The Committee will make plans for youth activities for the upcoming year.

Discussion held on situation with Athens Church. Motion, seconded and carried that a letter be sent to Athens stating that if they are not represented at the next meeting either by letter or in person, their church will be considered inactive.

Janice Wallace will be our delegate at the State Meeting in November.

Election of Officers: Jim Mounts, Moderator; Billy McKinney, Assistant Moderator; Mary Bruner, Clerk; Lida Wallace, Assistant Clerk.

Sharing and promotion time: Shallowford has church growth emphasis in October with lunch and fellowship on October 25 as a highlight. Youth Camp week-end is October 30-31 at Camp Mt. Bethel Friday from 5:00 PM until Saturday noon. Brother Speakman to speak at Liberty September 14-16, with other special singers and groups. Brian Ray shares his involvement with City Wide Rally, The Urban Alternative with Tony Evans.

Next Association Meeting will be at Soul's Harbor in Rome for December.

Motion, seconded and carried to stand, showing appreciation to host church for hospitality.

Rev. Luther Burns, Moderator
Ms. Mary Bruner, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$602.73
Offering and Dues	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$712.73
State Fees	<u>- 85.00</u>
Total on Hand	\$627.73

Minutes of the
North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists
Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church – December 4, 1992

The following Churches represented by delegates: Shallowford, North Fayette, Souls Harbor. Church delegates seated were: Susie Mounts, Delores Burns, Debbie Lynn, and MaryJo Dingus.

Standing delegates present: Rev. Rex. Lynn, Rev. Ronald Wallace, Rev. Luther Burns, and deacon Jim Mounts.

Moderator Jim Mounts called the meeting to order and seated the delegates.

Prayer was led by Brother Burns. The congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus" and "O Come All Ye Faithful" under the directing of Jim Mounts.

The Moderator appointed a business committee to prepare any necessary business to come before the body. Serving on the committee were Rex Lynn, Ron Wallace and Luther Burns.

The Moderator called a recess during which refreshments were provided by the host church. The coffee, cake, pie, and drinks were very good.

A Worship Service was conducted by the host Church. We enjoyed the special singing provided by Rex and MaryJo, and a duet by John and David, and a song by Rex, Debbie, and MaryJo and a duet by Richard and Debbie. The Church then presented a skit on "Patience." We learned the virtue and reward of patience in our lives.

Rev. Rex Lynn brought a message from Isaiah 40:31, and challenged us to run and not faint in the Christian life.

The business session was reconvened with reading of the minutes from the previous meeting by the appointed clerk, Ron Wallace. The minutes were approved as read.

Under Old Business, the letter sent to Athens Free Will Baptist Church informing them of being placed on "Inactive Status" within the Association was discussed. By general consent, the body agreed to have representatives visit the Athens Church and encourage them to renew active participation with the Association.

Rex Lynn will allow someone else to represent the North Georgia Association on the State Christian Education Board if someone desires to serve. He has been hindered in serving due to work and other obligations.

Under New Business, a motion passed to have refreshments provided by the host Church rather than meals during the Associational meetings.

A motion was adopted to send a recommendation to the State Executive Board suggesting a consideration of going to a five member state board system elected at large from the District Associations. This

will relieve the stress from the smaller Associations of maintaining representation on several state boards.

Discussion was held concerning our Association failing to report promptly and completely to the State Association. We do not have complete statistical information from our Association in the State Minutes. Our delegates to the State Meeting were not seated because dues and reports were not received before the meeting. Our Association was asked by the State Moderator to be more prompt in our reporting.

Moderator Mounts issued the following urging: that each Church be prompt in submitting the annual Church Letter to the Association clerk; that the Church representation fees be paid on or before the September Meeting; and that the District Annual Report be sent to the State Office no later than September 15th. Records are vital to the historical accounting of our Association.

A motion passed, to engage in an effort to help our Mission Churches grow by gathering with them for the purpose of area Visitation. A time will be set to meet with Soul's Harbor and visit in their area.

A motion passed, to give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for the gracious, generous, gratifying expression of Christian hospitality provided for this meeting.

Announcement of the next meeting: March 5, 1993, to be hosted by the Word of Life Church in Decatur, Georgia.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer led by Rex Lynn.