

# **1993 MINUTES OF THE NORTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Moderator	Mr. Jim Mounts
Assistant Moderator	Rev. B. Frank McKinney
Clerk	Ms. Mary Bruner
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Lida Wallace

## **STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS**

Board of Camping	Rev. Brian O. Ray	1995
Board of Christian Education	Rev. Rex Lynn	1995
Board of Missions	Rev. B. Frank McKinney	1995
Board of Trustees	Mr. Chuck Snow	1995

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## **SOUL'S HARBOR (Anchor of Hope)**

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## **Minutes of the NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Word of Life Free Will Baptist Church - March 5, 1993**

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Jim Mounts. Seating of standing delegates: Brian Ray, Ronald Wallace, Rex Lynn. Seating of the Church delegates: Debbie Lynn, Soul's Harbor; Susie Mounts, Shallowford; Sebrina Ray and Brenda Middlebrooks, Word of Life; Mary Bruner, Decatur. Appointment of Business Committee: Rex Lynn, Brian Ray and Ronald Wallace.

Dismissed for fellowship time.

Reconvened for Worship. Congregational singing was led by Brenda Middlebrooks. A solo by Brenda. Message was by Brian Ray on Psalm 57. How do we deal with trouble? God is in control. We need to think of God's logic.

Business Meeting re-called. Minutes were read and approved. Financial Report was approved.

Old business: Situation with the Athens Church was discussed. A letter was sent to them. Report by Ronald Wallace of a visit made to Athens Church. Representing the Association were: Ronald Wallace, Jim Mounts and David ..... The visit was positive and an olive branch effect was made. The invitation is left open for them to be a part of the Association.

The report of failed plans to meet with Soul's Harbor for Missions visits during the winter quarter. Will re-schedule for a later time for Soul's Harbor visitation. Word of Life will be spring quarter Missions Visit Church. Brian Ray will give us a date later.

Rex Lynn will remain on State Board. Ronald Wallace will stand proxy when necessary. Motion, second and carried to give \$150.00 each to Rex Lynn and Brian Ray.

Committee of Sebrina Ray, Brenda Middlebrooks and Mary Bruner was appointed for arranging an Associational outing at Stone Mountain.

Next Association meeting will be at Liberty June 4, 1993.

Announcements:

- ▶ Homecoming at Shallowford in May and North Fayette 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May
- ▶ State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat in March

Motion, second and carried to give Word of Life a rising vote of thanks. Dismissed in prayer by Brian Ray.

FINANCE REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$627.73
March offering and Dues	<u>64.96</u>
Total	\$692.69
Paid Out: Rex Lynn	\$150.00
Brian Ray	<u>150.00</u>
Total Balance on Hand	300.00
	<u>\$392.69</u>

Jim Mounts, Moderator  
Mary Bruner, Clerk

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Minutes of the  
North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists  
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church - June 6, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Billy McKinney, Assistant Moderator. Seating of delegates: Standing delegates: Luther Burns, Ronald Wallace and Brian Ray. Church delegates: Delores Burns, North Fayette; Mary Bruner, Decatur; Sebrina Ray, Word of Life.

A musical program was presented by youth from Liberty, directed by Lisa Wallace. Very well done and inspirational. We dismissed for a time of fellowship and a delicious meal.

Reconvened for the business meeting. Reading of minutes and financial report was approved.

Discussion of old business concerning visitation with Mission Churches. Dates need to be set and definite plans made and carried out.

Motion, second and carried to reimburse the participants in State Youth Activities in May 1993. Liberty and North Fayette were participants. North Fayette fees were \$40.00. Brother Billy was to give me the Liberty amount at a later date.

Motion, second and carried that we have a District Youth Competition and it be scheduled 5-7 days before deadline for State Youth Competition and judges be considered at the Associational Meeting prior to the Competition.

Announcements: Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee will be at Liberty Wednesday, June 9 and Shallowford, June 10.

Motion, second and carried to adjourn and give Liberty a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality. Dismissed in prayer by Brian Ray.

## FINANCE REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$392.69
June Dues	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$502.69
State and National Fees	<u>- 75.00</u>
Total Balance on Hand	\$427.69

Jim Mounts, Moderator  
Mary Bruner, Clerk

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### Minutes of the NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Stone Mountain Park Picnic - August 21, 1993

A brief Executive Committee meeting was called at our Stone Mountain Park Picnic. Brother Jim Mounts moderated. This meeting to stand for our September 1993 quarterly. Janice Wallace to be our delegate at the November State Meeting.

Present for the meeting: Jim Mounts, Ronald Wallace, Brian Ray and Mary Bruner.

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### Minutes of the NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS North Fayette Free Will Baptist Church - December 3, 1993

Fellowship around the table began at 7:00 p.m. Singing led by Jim Mounts opened the meeting. Prayer by Rex Lynn.

Welcome and message by Luther Burns on building a Sunday School. Good points were made that each church represented could take

with them to use in this outreach. Special song by Jim Mounts, Janice Wallace and Debbie Lynn.

Business meeting called to order by Jim Mounts. Standing delegates were: Brian Ray, Ronald Wallace, Rex Lynn, Billy McKinney and Luther Burns. Church delegates were seated.

Letter of response read from State Executive Committee regarding recommendation to change the number of representatives on State Executive committee.

Motion, second and carried to accept Billy McKinney's resignation from the State Mission Board. Motion, second and carried to place Ronald Wallace on the Mission Board.

Motion, second and carried to accept Rex Lynn's resignation from the State Board of Christian Education. Motion, second and carried to place Billy McKinney on Christian Education Board. Recommendation to be made to the State Association

Motion, second and carried that Billy McKinney proxy for Rex Lynn at the Christian Education Board meeting February 19, 1994 and Ronald Wallace proxy for Billy McKinney at Mission Board Meeting and that Chuck Dye proxy for Chuck Snow on the Trustee Board.

Ronald Wallace will send a letter offering assistance to Athens Church in their search for a pastor.

Josh McKinney appointed to be our youth representative to the National Youth Ministries Division.

Rescheduling of visitation dates for our mission churches was discussed. Rex Lynn, Brian Ray and Luther Burns to give the body dates.

Next Association meeting will be at Shallowford Church. Motion, second and carried to stand, giving a rising vote of thanks to Host Church. We were dismissed.

## FINANCE REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$427.69
December Dues & Offering	<u>126.00</u>
Total Balance on Hand	\$553.69

Jim Mounts, Moderator  
Mary Bruner, Clerk

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS (Association formed October 10, 1983) Adopted January 3, 1984

### PREAMBLE

We, the churches of the North Georgia Association, do hereby unite for the purpose of strengthening the local Church, in order to more effectively fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Article I Name

This organization shall be known as the North Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists.

### Article II Composition

This organization shall be composed of duly authorized Free Will Baptist Churches that choose to join this Association for fellowship and cooperation. Churches desiring to unite with this Association shall request membership to this body; then after examination and recommendation by the Executive Board shall be accepted by vote of the body.

### Article III Representation

Representation shall be by delegates elected by each Church. Churches shall be allowed three elected delegates. Standing delegates are all Ordained Ministers, Ordained Deacons, and Missionaries who are in good standing with their local Churches.

### Article IV Officers

The Officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk/Treasurer, and an Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. These will be elected at the annual session of each even calendar year, and shall serve for two years. The Moderator shall moderate all business sessions; the Assistant Moderator shall act in his absence. The

Clerk/Treasurer shall keep records of all Associational business and shall maintain a banking account in the name of this Association. The Assistant Clerk/Treasurer shall resume these responsibilities in the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer. The Executive Board shall be composed of these Officers plus the Chairman of each Standing Board. The Executive Board shall act for the Association when not in session.

#### Article V Boards

Standing Boards of this Association shall be the Board of Missions, the Board of Camping and Youth Activities, the Sunday School and Church Training Board, and the Ordaining Board. These Boards shall have either three or five members serving on a rotating basis with one new Board member being elected each year. The Moderator may appoint a committee or committees as the need demands. These will hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are appointed.

#### Article VI Meetings

This Association shall meet quarterly at a time so designated by the body. It is the duty of each Church to represent by letter and delegates at each meeting. The business of the Association will be matters of concern to the member churches, normal Association business and any business that is not in contradiction to the Constitution of this Association or the practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination. All business sessions shall be conducted according to "*Robert's Rules Of Order*."

#### Article VII Finances

It is suggested that each member Church send a representation fee of \$25.00 to each quarterly meeting; that each Church send a letter naming delegates, etc.; and that each Church send an additional \$10.00 to the annual meeting for the State representation fee to the National Association.

#### Article VIII Discipline

This Association shall act in an advisory capacity only in the internal problems of its member Churches. In matters of doctrine and moral issues which can not be corrected between the Church and the

Association, withdrawal of Fellowship and possible expulsion can result. In a situation where the Pastor of a Church is dealt with for problems related to Doctrine or moral conduct the ordaining Board will investigate and make recommendations to the body. All disciplinary matters shall be handled according to the dictates of The Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### Article IX By-Laws

This Association shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-law consistent with this constitution which will aid in governing this body.

#### Article X Amendments

This constitution may be amended or altered by a two-third vote of the delegates at any regular session, provided the proposed amendment is submitted in writing, read to the body, and postponed for vote at the next regular session.

#### BY-LAWS

#### NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

##### Section I: Meetings of the Association

1. The Association shall meet on the quarterly basis. These meetings may be incorporated into other Associational functions as the body sees appropriate. The time of the meeting shall be determined by the Association (Friday/Saturday).
2. There shall be an annual meeting each year during which elections shall be held, delegates to the State and National Association shall be appointed, and general Association business shall be conducted. The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of June each year.
3. Associational retreats, missions conferences, family seminars, and other designated functions may double as the Quarterly meeting when so determined by the body. The Executive committee shall meet in conjunction with these meetings and recommend any necessary business to the body during a special called business session during these functions.

## Section II: Membership into the Association:

1. A Church desiring to unite with the Association shall petition the Association by letter.
2. The Executive Committee shall act as an investigative board in regard to the petitionary letter.
3. The committee shall require the following: (a) That Free Will Baptist Doctrine is believed, (b) That the Free Will Baptist Treatise is accepted, (c) That the Church is willing to support Free Will Baptist Denominational agencies and enterprises, (d) That the Church will be actively involved on the local, State and National levels of the Denomination.
4. After examination of the petitioning Church, the Executive Committee shall recommend: (a) Acceptance of the Church in full fellowship, (b) Denial of membership, (c) Placing of the Church under Association watch care for a definite period of time with a recommendation due at that time.
5. Watch Care provision for a Mission Church: A mission Church may petition the Association for membership in the following manner:
  - (1) The mission Church Pastor shall come before the Ordaining Council for credentials ratification.
  - (2) The Mission Church shall adopt the Free Will Baptist Covenant, adopt the Free Will Baptist Treatise, and accept Free Will Baptist doctrine as Church polity.
  - (3) The Executive Committee shall recommend the acceptance of the Mission Church under watch care.
  - (4) By vote of the Association body, the Mission Church shall enjoy all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of member Churches.
  - (5) When the Mission Church had reached Church status it may become a member Church by complying with Section II:1-4.

## Section III: The Associations Relationship to the State and National Associations:

1. Each local Church making up the North Georgia Association is a member of the Georgia State Association and the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Therefore, we have a responsibility to support these parent bodies.

2. Our personal membership in these bodies is by virtue of being a member of a local Church which is a member of the local Association. Voting privileges also are on the same basis of membership.
3. Ordained Ministers must have membership in a local Church, which is a member of the Association in order to have good standing on the local, State or National levels. All Ordained Ministers in good standing are standing delegates on the State and National levels. (Men do not join Associations, Churches do; Men join local Churches and thus affiliate with the parent organizations.)

## Section IV: Licensing and Ordination of Ministers:

1. The licensing process is basically a local Church matter. It is generally accepted that licensing be for at least one year before Ordination.
2. Each Church shall notify the Association of all men that are granted a license to preach. The Church may request that the licensee meet with the Associational Ordaining Council for advice and direction in ministerial duties.
3. The Ordination of Ministers has generally been deferred to the Association by its member Churches. The Ordaining process is under the auspices of the ordaining Council. The following procedure is recommended:
  - (a) The local Church shall request that a candidate for Ordination meet with the ordaining Council for questioning, testing, and personal interview. We recommend that the Georgia Standard for Ordination be used.
  - (b) When the candidate has complied with all requirements set forth by the Ordaining Council, he may be recommended to the Association for ordination.
  - (c) The Ordination Service directed by the Council will be announced. The candidate shall have involvement in planning the Service.

## Section V: The Executive Committee:

1. The Executive Committee shall be made up of the Elected Officers, the Standing Board Chairman, and by two at large members elected by the body at the Annual Meeting.

2. The Executive Board shall act in behalf of the North Georgia Association when not in session. The Committee shall report all business to the Association for final approval. The meetings may be called by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator.