



A CALL TO REPENTANCE

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National Association of Free Will Baptists Resolution of Repentance

WHEREAS God has graciously brought about the existence of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and used them for His glory, and

WHEREAS God alone is Worthy of all honor and glory and power; but we have pridefully sought to steal His glory by claiming ministry successes as our own, and have been complacent and callous toward our spiritual condition and others,

WHEREAS God has created all peoples in His image for His glory and called us to love them and reach them with the Gospel, regardless of race, ethnicity or socio-economic status, we have instead failed in our attitudes and actions, particularly by failing to evangelize and disciple all peoples in our communities.

WHEREAS God has called us to unify amid our diversity to accomplish His work in the world, we have instead divided over matters of opinion and preference, failing to focus on His priorities, and often displayed a critical spirit toward leadership and those not in our group, creating factions among us resulting in a state of crisis revealed by:

- the decline of nearly five hundred churches
- the decline of Sunday School enrollment by nearly 75,000
- the decline of ordained ministers by 1,100
- the decline of ordained deacons by 2,500
- and the staggering reduction in baptisms to an annual average of 1.6 per church, and

WHEREAS God's Word warns that failure to obey His precepts results in chastisement, weakness, and removal of His blessing, and

WHEREAS God has called His church to be a community of holiness and reconciliation, and because we have sorely neglected the practice of Biblical and redemptive church discipline and are in desperate need of godly sorrow and urgent repentance; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that we as a denomination corporately acknowledge our sin before God and implore Him to forgive us as we repent of these sins, evidenced by changes in attitude and action. Be it further

RESOLVED that those of us who are redeemed by God's power and strong hand to individually call upon the Lord in fervent prayer and fasting, pleading for Him to hear our prayer and grant us as members and churches of the National Association of Free Will Baptists fruitfulness in obeying His Word. Be it finally

RESOLVED that we set aside the first Tuesday in November which commemorates the organization of The National Association of Free Will Baptists as a day of fasting and prayer as evidence of our resolve and repentance.