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MINUTES
OF THE
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
NO. 2
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1950

Proceedings of the
17TH ANNUAL SESSION

Convened At
PLEASANT GROVE F. W. B. CHURCH
Rt. 1, Ashville, Alabama

Through the mercies of God, the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists met in its 17th Annual Session with Pleasant Grove Church at Ashville, Alabama, Route 1, on Friday morning before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1950.

OFFICERS

Rev. W. C. Patterson.....	Moderator
Rev. A. G. Robertshaw.....	Assistant Moderator
Bro. Paul Davis.....	Clerk
Bro. Edward Ledlow.....	Assistant Clerk

The next Session of this Association will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Talladega, Alabama on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1951.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.



Dinner was served on the ground both Friday and Saturday noon by the sisters of Pleasant Grove Church and community which was enjoyed by all. We take this method of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the ladies for their splendid co-operation and hospitality shown us during our stay among them. We pray the Lord's blessing on you for your kindness. May He ever keep you in his care.

The Association

All song services were led by Bro. Carlae Hollis of Pell City, Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS

The Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists No. 2 met in its 17th Annual Session with Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Ashville, Alabama, Rt. 1 September 22 and 23, 1950.

The house was called to order at 9:10 Friday morning by the clerk. After which Rev. W. C. Patterson, the former moderator, took charge until officers of this term were elected.

Opened with scripture reading Psalm 100 after which Bro. J. T. Quick led in prayer.

Officers elected:

Bro. J. T. Quick elected Moderator and resigned. His resignation was accepted being he had to leave Saturday morning for revival work.

Rev. J. T. Windsor.....Moderator

Bro. Edward Ledlow.....Assistant Moderator

Bro. Paul Davis.....Clerk

Bro. Edward Ledlow.....Assistant Clerk

Business Transacted:

Church letters read and adopted and delegates seated. The moderator then appointed the working committees.

Devotional—Bro. L. H. Horn, Bro. Carlis Hollis, Bro. L. L. McDonough.

Business Committee—Bro. W. C. Patterson, Bro. H. A. O'Donnell, Bro. A. A. Edge, Bro. Leroy Smith, Bro. Frank Jackson.

Family Religion—Bros. Henry Endfinger, Loyaltan Ledlow, S. McDonough.

Sabbath School—Bros. J. F. Barber, Ben Howard, Arnold Sherrell.

Temperance—Bros. R. F. Jones, Mark Edge, A. G. Robertshaw.

Education—Bros. H. A. O'Donnell, W. W. Callahan, Ben Howard, D. Shirley, Claude Stephens.

Literature—Bros. Leroy Smith, E. G. McDonough, Paul Mayfield.

Auditing—Bros. George Bagswell, Henry Mitchell, Loyaltan Ledlow.

Deceased Members—Bros. R. F. Jones, Frank Jackson, H. A. O'Donnell.

Resolution—Bros. Henry Mitchell, W. W. Callahan, Marcus Lovell.

Ministerial Standing—Bros. Mark Edge, Gilmore McDonough, Claude Stephens.

Ordaining Council—

Rev. W. C. Patterson, 1 year.....Pell City, Ala.
Rev. H. A. O'Donough, 2 years.....Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1
Rev. Leroy Smith, 3 years.....Ragland, Ala., Rt. 1
Rev. Johnie Burnham, 4 years.....Pell City, Ala.
Rev. Henry Mitchell, 5 years.....Pell City, Ala.

Executive Board—Bros. Douglas Reaves, 1 year; J. D. O'Donnell, 2 years; Ben Howard, 3 years.

Home Mission Board—

Bro. Loyaltan Ledlow, Chairman.....Ragland, Ala., Rt. 1
Bro. Edward Ledlow.....505 Booker St., Talladega, Ala.
Bro. S. W. McDonough.....East Gadsden, Ala.

Devotional and Preaching Services

Rev. W. H. Ryland gave an interesting talk on the children's home and Bible College. Afterwards a donation of \$35.87 was taken for the children's home.

Rev. J. T. Quick brought the message Friday night from the thought: "The Key." A wonderful message.

A wonderful testimony service Saturday morning with lots of shouting just before the 11 o'clock service.

Bro. Frank Jackson brought the message at 11:00 o'clock hour Friday. A wonderful message from the thought "Be of Good Cheer." Altar call with four accepting and praying through to victory.

Sis. Hattie Owens conducted the devotional service Saturday night. A good service with many good testimonies.

Rev. J. T. Windsor filled the 7:00 o'clock hour Saturday night; brought a fine message from I John 1:7. "Walk in the Light." A very good message on the necessity of feet washing connected with the Lord's Supper. There were 67 partakers of the Supper with a good number taking part in the feet washing. A good service enjoyed by all.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The 15th session of the Ministers' Conference of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists No. 2 met with Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1 September 22, 1950 at 7:00 o'clock.

House called to order by the moderator in the absence of the clerk.

Motion carried to elect officers for this term. Rev. Frank Jackson was elected moderator; Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, clerk.

Opportunity for membership was given. Rev. Dewitt Mayfield accepted and was received. By motion right hand of fellowship was given him.

Motion carried to withdraw fellowship from Bros. A. J. Burgess and R. P. Ritch as they have united with another denomination.

Motion carried asking the association not to grant papers to the following who did not report to the Ministers' Conference: Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Rev. G. N. Benefield, and Rev. C. L. Davis.

Motion carried to grant our licensed ministers certificates of standing in card form. Motion carried to have minutes read. Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

Adjourned by motion to convene with Talladega Free Will Baptist Church of Talladega, Alabama on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1951.

Called Session

Called session of Ministers Conference on Saturday afternoon. Conference opened by motion carried. Moderator read Article two of Association Rulings. Opportunity for membership given Bros. Chester Finch and E. T. Nicholson responded and were accepted. Right hand of fellowship given by the moderator. The moderator then read Articles one, eleven and thirteen of the Association Rulings. Motion carried to ask Association to grant papers to the above men. Move to adjourn.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Rev. J. T. Windsor.....Pell City, Ala.
Rev. J. D. O'Donnell.....Steel, Ala.
Rev. Alfred Ledlow.....Pell City, Ala.
Rev. A. A. Edge.....Leeds, Ala.
Rev. Clarence O'Donnell.....Pell City, Ala.

Rev. A. A. Robertshaw.....Alabama City, Ala.
 Rev. Chester O'Donnell.....Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1
 Rev. H. T. Perkins.....Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.....Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1
 Rev. John W. Burnham.....Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Marvin Wyatt.....Ragland, Ala.
 Rev. J. T. Quick.....Eden, Ala.
 Rev. J. B. Ledlow.....505 Booker St., Talladega, Ala.
 Rev. Frank Jackson.....Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1
 Rev. Leroy Smith.....Ragland, Ala., Rt. 1
 Rev. James E. Self.....Alabama City, Ala.
 Rev. Leonard Mayfield.....Talladega, Ala.
 Rev. Chester Finch.....Gadsden, Ala.
 Rev. E. T. Nicholson.....Eastoboga, Ala., Rt. 1

Ordination Service

Friday afternoon the Ordaining Council ordained Rev. J. E. Self and Bro. Marvin Wyatt to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

Saturday evening the Ordaining Council ordained Bros. Frank Coppoch, E. W. Knight and Webster Dunson as deacons by prayer and laying on of hands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Family Religion—

We urge all our people as heads of families to set an example before our children as Christ has set an example before us that we may lead them to Christ.

Bro. Loyalton Ledlow, Chairman

Sabbath School—

Sabbath School officers and teachers devote more time and prayer to the upbuilding of their Sabbath Schools, more time in the home to prayerful study of the Word of God, to be very careful in their walk and talk before their children and before all people. To bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord with respect of God's people and God's House.

Bro. J. T. Barber, Chairman

Temperance—

We urge our people to strive to be temperate in all our transactions extending the influence of Christ to others.

Bro. R. F. Jones, Chairman

Literature—

We urge parents to closely examine literature that comes into their homes and encourage their children to read wholesome literature based on the word of God.

Heb. 4:12. For the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow. And is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Rev. Leroy Smith, Chairman

Resolutions—

Be it resolved that:

1. Each church of this Association continue to pay 7½% of church income into the home mission treasury, special collections and funds exempted.

2. That each minister be on the look out for a place for the tent whether for himself or another.

3. That we all pray much for the Home Mission Board.

Rev. H. G. Mitchell, Chairman

Business—

All carried by motion.

1. Bros. Marvin Wyatt, Rayford Abram and James E. Self be examined and if found worthy ordain them to the full gospel ministry.

2. Bro. Euster Hurley licensed, and Bro. Dewett Mayfield licensed. He hasn't been licensed a year.

3. Bro. C. L. Carlisle to be questioned in regard to a letter written to Bro. D. J. O'Donnell concerning the ministers of this association.

4. A 15 minute devotional after the noon hour on Friday and Saturday.

5. The churches of this Association take an offering each month for the Children's Home.

6. This body elect a Field Evangelist for the coming year.

7. Churches in the Association take an offering one Sunday in October for the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn.

8. Bros. F. Coppock, E. W. Knight, and W. Dunson be examined and, if found worthy, ordain them as deacons.

9. Give Malone Church of Alabama City, Ala. a letter of dismissal out of fellowship.

10. Ruling 13 of the Association be accepted.

11. Talladega delegation asked for next session of the Association.

Rev. W. C. Patterson, Chairman

The following passed not going before the Business Committee:

1. Fill Bro. Carlisle's place on Organizing Council. Bro. Johnie Burnham appointed.
2. Elect delegate to State Association and pay his expense. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell elected.
3. Empower treasurer of Association to request funds from Quarterly Meeting.
4. Print Ladies' Aid and Sunday School report in our minutes.
5. Accept Ordaining Council's report.
6. Rev. W. C. Patterson elected Field Evangelist for the coming year.

Education—

We, your Committee on Education, recommend our people to take advantage of every opportunity to study the Bible and Christian literature from the Free Will Baptist Press.

That our churches not having a Sunday School or league organize one or both that our children might learn more of God's Word.

H. A. O'Donnell, Chairman

Credential Committee—

We examined all letters brought before this body and have turned them over to the Business Committee to dispose of the business in each letter.

Bro. J. E. Self, Chairman

Ministerial Standing—

We recommend that all ministers that reported to this Association (15th Session of Minister's Conference) be granted proper credentials for the coming year. Ministers not reporting to this Ministers' Conference according to the Associational Ruling (2) is not recognized as a minister or pastor.

Mark Edge, Chairman

Sabbath School Committee—working with Field Evangelist.

Not much to report due to the Evangelist being called to pastoral work. Bro. Self visited 2 churches with Evangelist.

We find some of the churches gaining in attendance.

P. Davis, Chairman

Report of Treasurer—

Amount on hand last session, \$167.65; printing cost, \$73.00; sent to orphanage, \$31.45; entrance fee and delegate's expense to State Association, \$35.00; clerk's fee, \$10.00; postage and supplies, \$7.05; total expense, \$156.50; balance in treasury, \$11.15.

Bro. C. L. Carlisle, Clerk-Treasurer

Home Mission—

Received, \$71.35; paid out (moving, lights, and evangelist), \$65.82; balance, \$5.35.

Bro. Ben Howard, Chairman
Saturday morning: Opportunity given for membership into the body. Accepted by Midway Church of Roanoke, Alabama and City View Church of Anniston. Given right hand of fellowship.

CHURCH REPORTS

Trinity Church of East Gadsden, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. Alfred Ledlow; Clerk, E. G. McDonough; Delegates, Bros. E. G. McDonough and L. L. McDonough; state of religion, good; members received this year, 2; present membership, 19; expended for pastor, \$350.00; evangelist, \$35.00; home missions, \$48.64; orphanage, \$33.00; total expended, \$589.08; condition of Sabbath school, good; average number pupils, 34; officers, 2; teachers, 3; cost of literature, \$7.60; Sabbath school offering to orphanage, \$44.89; enclosed for Ent fee, \$5.00; orphanage, \$4.88; home mission, \$7.72; minutes, \$5.00; total enclosed, \$22.60; value of church property, \$3,500.00. We have called Rev. J. T. Windsor of Pell City, Alabama for pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address, E. G. McDonough, 106 Rosalee, Ave., East Gadsden, Alabama. No ordained or licensed ministers holding membership with us.

City View Church of Anniston, Alabama: Rev. E. T. Nicholson, pastor; Clerk, S. B. Bishop, 1331 West 12th Street, Anniston, Alabama; Delegates, Bros. Nicholson, Messer and Coppach; state of religion, good; members received this year, 38; by baptism, 10; dismissed, 3; total membership, 35; prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; average number pupils, 32; officers, 4; teachers, 3; paid pastor, none; evangelist, \$17.00; building and supplies, \$716.29; publication, \$9.00; entrance fee, \$5.00. We ask you to examine, and if found worthy, ordain Bro. Frank Coppach as deacon.

First Church of Alabama City, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell; Clerk, Lemerle Robertshaw, Gadsden, Ala.; Delegates, Bro. T. Nelson, Sisters Jewell Nelson and Myrtle Price; Alternate, Sis. Nettie Green; state of religion, good; members received this year, 8; by baptism, 4; by recommendation, 3; by statement, 1; total, 8; loss by letter, 7; by exclusion, 1; by death, 1; total, 9; present membership 54; prayer meeting, good; expended for pastor, \$177.04; evangelist, \$53.50; building and repair, \$34.00; Sabbath school number of pupils, 50; officers, 2; teachers, 4; cost of literature, \$15.63; enclosed for entrance fee, \$5.00; orphanage, \$6.62; minutes, \$3.00; total enclosed, \$14.62; value of church property, \$4,000.00. We have called Rev. A. G. Robertshaw of Alabama City, Alabama for our pastor for the ensuing year. We have no ordained ministers, one licensed minister with us. We recommend that Bro. James E. Self be examined and, if found worthy, ordain him to the full ministry.

First Church of Watsville, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. J. T. Windsor; Clerk, Bro. Hubert Ledlow, Pell City, Alabama; state of religion, good; members received this year by baptism, 1; by letter, 1; total, 2; present membership, 39; prayer meetings, fair; paid pastor, \$85.00; evangelist, \$105.00; building and repairs, \$50.00; heat and lights, \$24.32; orphanage, \$10.00; total, \$273.32; condition of Sabbath school, good; average number pupils, 25; officers, 2; teachers, 3; enclosed for entrance fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$5.00; total enclosed, \$10.00; value of church property, \$2,500.00. We have called Rev. Leonard Mayfield of Talladega, Alabama for our pastor for the ensuing year. Number of ordained ministers holding membership with us, 2; licensed, 1.

Midway Church of Roanoke, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. G. W. Price, Phenix City, Alabama; Clerk, Leroy Dunson, Route 2, Roanoke, Alabama; Delegates, Bros. E. W. Knight, Webster Dunson, A. M. Roberts; state of religion, good; total membership, 19; prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number pupils, 25; officers, 2; teachers, 2; paid pastor, \$91.50; evangelist, \$35.00; home mission, \$7.50; building and repairs, \$480.00; enclosed for Ent. fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$2.00; total enclosed, \$7.00. We are sending Bros. E. W. Knight and Webster Dunson to be examined and, if found worthy, ordain them as deacons.

First Church of Talladega, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. J. B. Ledlow; Clerk, Sis. Opal Cole, Box 1164, Talladega, Alabama; Delegates, Bros. L. H. Horn, Claud Stephens; Ionie Barber, Dug Haynes, Corson Tinsley; state of religion, good; members received this year by baptism, 14; by letter, 10; by statement, 3; total, 27; loss by letter, 5; exclusion, 6; death, 1; total, 12; present membership, 128; prayer meeting, good; paid pastor, \$1,473.21; evangelist, \$157.16; building and repair, \$1,328.92; heat and lights, \$67.16; miscellaneous, \$498.65; total, \$3,527.70; condition of Sabbath school, good; average number pupils, 59; officers, 2; teachers, 5; cost of literature, \$50.83; orphanage, \$134.72; enclosed for Ent. fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$10.00; total enclosed, \$15.00; value of church property, \$5,000.00. We have called Bro. J. B. Ledlow of Talladega, Alabama for our pastor for the ensuing year.

Malone Church of Alabama City, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. C. L. Carlisle; Clerk, Winford Whitt, Alabama City, Alabama; Delegates, Bros. L. Yancey, C. Speakman; state of religion, good; members received this year, 17; by baptism, 12; number dismissed, 40; number deceased, 1; total membership, 28; condition of prayer meeting, fair; Sunday school average number of pupils, 60; officers, 2; teachers, 5; paid pastor, \$850.00; paid evangelist, \$150.00; orphanage, \$358.00; ordained ministers with us, 2. We sent delegates to the Progressive Association at Columbia, Tennessee on September 8 and 9, asking to be admitted into that body; received us under the watchcare of that body on forth coming of letter. We ask for a letter of dismission from the Liberty Association No. 2. We pray the blessings on this body in the upbuilding of God's cause.

Ragland Church of Ragland, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. J. D. O'Donnell; Clerk, Mrs. Edress Bagswell, Ragland, Alabama; Delegates, Bros. George Bagswell, Marcus Lovell and Thymus Bunt; state of religion, good; members received this year, 13; by baptism, 2; by letter, 11; total, 13; loss by exclusion, 1; by death, 1; total, 2; present membership, 39; prayer meeting, good; paid pastor, \$363.34; paid evangelist, \$140.10; building and repair, \$264.73; heat and lights, \$38.70; total, \$806.87; condition of Sabbath school, good; average number pupils, 50; officers, 3; teachers, 4; cost of literature, \$25.20; enclosed for Ent. fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$3.00; total enclosed, \$8.00; value of church property, \$5,000.00. We

have called Rev. Marvin Wyatt of Ragland, Alabama for our pastor for the ensuing year. Ordained ministers with us, 1; licensed, 1. We request that Bro. Wyatt be examined and, if worthy, ordain him to the full work of the ministry.

Guiding Light Church of Pell City, Alabama, Route 1: Pastor, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Talladega, Alabama; Clerk, Paul Mayfield, Pell City, Alabama, Route 1; state of religion, good; members received this year by baptism, 2; total, 2; dismissed by letter, 5; total, 5; present membership, 105; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sabbath school, excellent; average number of pupils, 60; number officers, 2; teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$125.00; evangelist, \$28.73; building and repair, \$25.00; orphanage, \$10.00; total, \$188.73; Ent. fee, \$5.00; total with letter, \$5.00.

Pleasant Grove Church, Ashville, Alabama, Route 1: Pastor, Rev. Alfred Ledlow; Clerk, Seldon O'Donnell, Gadsden, Alabama, Route 1; Delegates, Bro. James Davis, Sis. Lillie Bishop, Sis. Ioma O'Donnell; state of religion, good; Saturday night prayer meeting, good; total membership, 30; deaths, 1; condition of Sunday school, good; officers, 2; teachers, 4; average number pupils, 35; enclosed for Ent. fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$4.00; total, \$9.00; members received by baptism, 3; by letter, 1; total, 4; dismissed, 2; ordained ministers membership with us, 3. We have called Rev. Alfred Ledlow for our pastor another year.

Friendship Church of Oak Ridge, Alabama, or Pell City, Alabama: Pastor, Rev. J. T. Quick; Clerk, James Spradley, Pell City, Alabama; Delegates, Bros. H. Endfinger, D. Shirley, P. Davis, C. Hollis and T. Freeman; state of religion, good; members received this year by baptism, 16; by letter, 8; restoration, 1; by statement, 27; total, 52; loss by letter, 2; death, 1; total, 3; present membership, 154; prayer meeting, good; paid pastor, \$780.60; evangelist, \$131.50; building and repair, \$41.06; other items, \$477.68; heat and lights, \$89.56; orphanage, \$5.00; total, \$1,559.62; condition of Sabbath school, good; average number pupils, 105; officers, 2; teachers, 5; cost of literature, \$78.76; Sabbath school offering to orphanage, \$407.04; enclosed for Ent. fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$20.00; total enclosed, \$25.00; value of church property, \$4,000.00. We have called Rev. John W. Burn-

ham for our pastor for the ensuing year. Ordained ministers with us, 8; licensed, 2.

Ladies' Aid of Friendship Church: We have 14 members paying 10¢ a week dues. In the past year we have paid out \$130.00 for groceries to help the needy; gave pastor's wife silverware and dishes at cost of \$28.00; gave the church \$30.00 on revival and piano; spent about \$15.00 for flowers for our sick members. We have raised money by quilting, making aprons, pot holders and crochet pieces. We now have \$28.82 in the treasury. We invite all to come and be with us in our services at the church each Tuesday night, 7:00 o'clock. We open our services by prayer, then go into business after we have a prayer meeting. Pray for us. Ladies' Aid of Friendship Church.

The next session of this Association will convene with First Free Will Baptist Church of Talladega, Alabama on Friday morning before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1951.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Fifth Annual Session of the District Sunday School Convention of the Liberty Association No. 2 which convened with the Talladega Church the Fifth Sunday in April, 1950.

Sunday Morning

The Convention opened with song and prayer. The opening remarks were made by the president, Bro. Sam Kimberly. Welcome address by Edward Ledlow; the response was by Torice Brazier.

The reports were called for, read, received, and the delegates seated. The following Sunday Schools reported: Ragland, Talladega, Friendship, Coal City, First Free Will Baptist of Talladega, Guiding Light, and Pleasant Grove.

Two duets were enjoyed by the congregation. Rev. J. B. Ledlow gave an inspiring lecture on the Sunday school lesson. The report of the National Convention was made by Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

The convention message was delivered by Rev. Charles Thigpen of Nashville, Tennessee. His theme was "Two Fold Task of Christians Today."

Two offerings were taken during the convention. An offering of \$25.45 was taken for missions, and one for our F.W.B. Orphanage at Eldridge which was \$16.85.

We extend our thanks to the patrons of the church for the delicious lunch which was served to the visitors and delegates.

Afternoon Session

Programs from the various churches were presented. The Honor Banner was given to Guiding Light Sunday School for the best program.

The following items of business was transacted. Place for 1950-51 Session will be at Ragland Church, Ragland, Alabama. Moved that all Sunday schools send 10% of monthly offerings in for Unified Program. 10th By-Law amended, "That each Church send \$5.00 entrance fee."

The following delegates were elected to the State Convention: Bro. and Sis. Drummonds, Bro. and Sis. Seals, and Sis. Lemurel Robertshaw.

Mrs. Beona Drummonds was elected as treasurer of Youth Camp funds.

Bro. James Barber was elected as the third year Executive Committee man.

The session was dismissed by prayer.

BY-LAWS

1. Each session shall be opened by singing, scripture reading, and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Each Sunday School shall send one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. These delegates, along with all ordained ministers in good standing with the Association shall constitute the official board and shall transact all business properly coming before said body.

3. Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers shall be recognized by the presiding officer and invited to a seat in council. They shall not, however have the power to vote on any question.

4. Members from five (5) different Sunday Schools and Leagues shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

5. The president or vice president shall preside at all

meetings, and in their absence the body may choose one to preside.

6. Anyone wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer as "Bro. President" or "Sis. President" and be recognized before speaking.

7. No subject shall be discussed without a motion and a second, and the question stated by the president.

8. No report shall be adopted except by a motion and a second and a vote taken.

9. The president shall appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the body.

10. Each Church send \$5.00 Entrance Fee. Each Sunday School with more than fifty (50) members, \$5.00. Each Sunday School with more than twenty (25) members and less than fifty, \$2.50. Each Sunday School with less than twenty-five (25) members, \$1.00. Each League, \$2.00.

11. Delegates may be sent to represent at once both the Sunday School and the League but must be so authorized and must come equipped with the proper credentials.

12. These By-Laws may be temporarily suspended or permanently altered by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular business meeting of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble: In order to strengthen and unify our Christian word and the building of Christian character among the members of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists, and to promote and maintain a correspondence with each other in an association-wide organization, we propose to band ourselves together in an organic union to keep the rules of such an organization according to the following plan:

Article 1. This organization shall be composed and known as the Sunday School and League Convention of Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II. This Convention shall be composed of regularly organized Sunday Schools and Leagues within the bounds of said Association and shall meet on the second fifth Sunday of each year. The place of meeting will be decided at each previous session.

Article III. Any Sunday School or League desiring to become a member of this Convention shall send two (2) or more delegated representatives with a petitionary letter, stating the desire of their particular organization to become a member of this Body. They shall be received by a majority vote of all members present.

Article IV. The officers of this Convention shall be President, who shall preside at all meetings; a Vice-President, who shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President; a secretary and treasurer who shall keep a true and accurate record of every meeting and every business transaction, and to have, hold and convey or convey any and all funds entrusted to him or her by the Convention. Other officers may be elected as deemed necessary by this Body.

(Officers for year 1950-51)

President Mr. Roy O'Donnell
Vice President Mr. Edward Ledlow
Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell
Field Evangelist Mr. Sam Kimberly

Article V. An Executive Committee, composed of three (3) members, to be elected so that their terms expire alternately thus: one to be elected for one year; one to be elected for two years; and one to be elected for three years. They shall be elected by the body and shall attend to all business matters between regular annual sessions and also shall arrange the program for the Annual Session. One of these members shall be chosen from the Sunday School, one from the League, and one shall be elected at large.

Article VI. All officers, including Executive Committee members, must be Christians and Free Will Baptists.

Article VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular business meeting, but notice of such intended change must be given at least twenty-four hours in advance of the proposed amendment or alteration. Any amendment or alteration voted by this body shall be final.

ASSOCIATIONAL RULINGS

1. Each Minister, Ordained or Licensed must report in person or by letter to each session of this Association to receive proper credentials for the coming year.

2. Each minister, ordained or licensed of churches belonging to this Association is expected to affiliate with the minister's conference and cannot be recognized as a minister nor pastor churches of this Association except they comply with this ruling.

3. Each ordained minister must bear yearly certificates of standing to be eligible to pastor churches of this association. License of all licensed ministers must be renewed.

4. Ministers coming to us from another denomination must hold membership in some church of this association for one (1) year before being eligible to pastor churches of this association.

5. Licensed ministers must bear license for one (1) year before being eligible for ordination.

6. Churches must use letter form sent them each year by the Clerk to be recognized by this Association.

7. That this body elect officers in the beginning of each session and not in the closing for one (1) year ahead as heretofore practiced.

8. That this body adopt a unified program.

9. This body rules that any minister of this Association has a right to use the tent when not being used by regularly elected evangelist, by inviting the evangelist to assist in the revival.

10. That each church pay an entrance fee of \$5.00 same to be used for the expense of the association.

11. That the ministers' conference convene on Friday night instead of Friday evening as heretofore practiced.

12. That the Clerk be paid \$10.00 each term for his services.

13. All Pastors abstain from the practice of UNKNOWN tongues, or the use of them in his church, without an interpreter, or have his credentials recalled and he be declared unworthy, this applying to any other doctrine not in accord with God's Word.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. I Tim. 3:16.
2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Perserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. I Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.
3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord. St. John 1:1-12.
4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men. St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:4-6.
5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires. Ps. 22:28; 97:2.
6. **The Sinfulness of man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:17; 3:19.
7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. I John 2:2.
8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed

from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. II Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. I Tim. 2:4.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish. Joshua 24:15.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. St. John 15:6; II Peter 2:20-22.

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers. Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

15. **Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(For Church Conference)

1. Call to order.
2. Call for peace and fellowship.
3. Opportunity for membership.
4. Invite visiting brothers and sisters to seat.
5. Reading of previous minutes.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Acknowledgments.
9. Committee reports.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.