

MINUTES

OF THE

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION NO. 2 OF ALABAMA

OF THE ORIGINAL

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HELD WITH

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1951



REV. J. B. LEDLOW, *Moderator*

REV. MARVIN WYATT, *Assistant Moderator*

MR. PAUL DAVIS, *Clerk*

MR. EUGENE BROWN, *Assistant Clerk*

The next session will be held with Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Pell City, Alabama, Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1952



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell

The Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist No. 2 in its 18th annual Session with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Talladega, Alabama, September 21 and 22, 1951.

The house was called to order at 9:15 Friday morning by the clerk after which Rev. J. T. Windsor the former moderator, took charge until officers of this term were elected.

Opened with scripture reading 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Then Rev. C. L. Fench led in prayer.

Officers elected for this term: Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Moderator; Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Assistant Moderator; Bro. Paul Davis, Clerk; Bro. Eugene Brown, Assistant Clerk.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Move and second carried for moderator to replace absent members on credential committee. Bros. Leroy Smith, D. J. O'Donnell and Bro. S. W. McDonough were appointed.

Letters from churches were given to the credential committee with minutes from last Association for approval.

There were some good singing at this time, songs being led by Bro. Edward Ledlow and Bro. W. W. Callahan.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Move and second carried to accept their report. That the letters and minutes being in good order.

Moved and second to read church letters and seat the delegates carried.

The letters were read and adopted and the delegats seated.

Then the moderator appointed the working committees.

Devotional—Bro. R. B. Jones (Chairman) Leathern Watkins, Mark Edge.

Business—Rev. Floyd C. Barber (Chairman) Rev. C. L. Fench, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Rev. J. T. Windsor.

Family Religion—Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Bro. V. D. Parkam, Bro. W. G. Jenks.

Sabbath School—Bros. Paul Callahan, L. H. Horn, and Rev. Johnnie W. Burnham.

Temperance—Bros. W. W. Callahan, John Wilcox, and Rev. Frank Jackson.

Education—Rev. Elbert Taylor, Bro. E. O. Morris and Rev. Edward Ledlow.

Literature—Bros. Herman Dollar, W. H. James and Rev. Leroy Smith.

Auditing—Bros. D. J. O'Donnell, Cleo Elder and Rev. S. W. McDonough.

Deceased Members—Bro. A. A. Bradshaw, Rev. Johnie W. Burnham, and Rev. H. T. Perkins.

Resolution—Rev. S. W. McDonough, Rev. Frank Jackson, Rev. J. T. Windsor.

Ministerial Standing—Bros. Mark Edge, L. H. Horn, D. J. O'Donnell.

Organizing Council—Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, 1 year. Rev. Leroy Smith 2 year, Rev. J. W. Burnham 3 year, Rev. Henry Mitchell 4 year, Rev. J. T. Windsor 5 yr.

Executive Board—Bro. D. J. O'Donnell 1 year, Bro. Ben Howard 2 year, Rev. C. L. Fench 3 year.

It was carried for the moderator to appoint a Home Mission Board. Rev. Floyd C. Barber (Chr.) Bro. Mark Edge, and Rev. S. W. McDonough.

Committee reports—All carried by move and second.

Devotional—Bro. S. W. McDonough to bring the 11 o'clock message Friday morning.

A partial report of the committee.

Song at this time, "O I Want to See Him." led by Rev. Marvin Wyatt.

Then services turned to Rev. S. W. McDonough for the message, using the scriptures 1 Thes. 4:15-17 and St. John 12:35-36 a wonderful message.

Moderator gave the floor to Rev. H. T. Perkins and he commended the young minister on the message. Then a song while the body shook hand with Bro. McDonough.

The moderator called on Rev. Leroy Smith to lead in prayer. Then the people praised God with their wonderful testimonies.

Song "Going That Way" led by Rev. Edward Ledlow. Then dismissed in prayer by Sister Hattie Owens for the noon hour to reassemble at one o'clock.

Reassembled at 1:15 Bro. Hubert Ledlow leading songs "Camping in Canaan" and "When They Ring The Golden Bells."

House called to order by the clerk at 1:25. Moderator taking charge reading Ps. 9 then prayer by Rev. Marvin Wyatt.

Devotional—Rev. J. T. Windsor for the Friday night message. Rev. Edward Ledlow for the Saturday morning message. Sister Essie Dollar for the devotional Saturday night. Rev. Johnie Burnham the Communion message Saturday night.

Resolution—1. Each church of this association continue to pay 7½% of church income into the Home Mission treasury. Special collections and funds exempted. 2. Everyone especially ministers follow up every prospect for new Free Will Baptist Churches. S. W. McDonough, chairman.

Auditing—We find clerk and Treasury report to balance with \$27.65 Bal. in Treasury. Also find \$112.00 in the Q. M. Treasury, and \$51.00 in the Home Mission Treasury. D. J. O'Donnell, chairman.

Ministerial Standing—Ministers ordained to-day be given credentials for the coming year. Rev. E. T. Nicholson who didn't report to ministers conference be given credentials. He misunderstood the date of conference.

Bros. E. O. Morris and Bro. Edward Ledlow be granted license to preach 1 year.

Credential Committee—Have examined all letters and minutes found o. k. and turned them to business committee to take up business in them. Mark Edge, chairman.

Temperance—In order to further temperance we should be temperate in all things, especially in drinking ("Mine" Total abstain from sinful amusements and intoxicating drink) John Wilcox, chairman.

Literature—Same from 1950 minutes be printed. We urge all 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. Bro. Herman Dollar, chairman.

Family Religion—We urge the parents to teach their children to respect the right of others, and the house of God.

And the parents to live their religion daily before their children reading the Bible and praying with them. Children obey your parents. Chester O'Donnell, chairman.

Education—We recommend the parents to teach their children from infancy to always observe the ordinances of God. To hold a daily Bible reading with their children in order to get them interested in the Lord's work. That the parents bring up their children according to Pro. 22:6. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not part from it.

That they teach them to fear God. That all the literature in their home be good, wholesome, literature. That the parents teach their children not to take of worldly pleasures.

Plus 1950 report—We recommend our people to take advantages 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. Rev. Elbert Taylor, chairman.

Sabbath School—We should devote more time and study to the work of the Lord's Day, to keep it holy. For we know that He is the Creator of all things, and on the seventh day did rest from all His labor. The Sunday School is the most important school that was ever taught, so let us all teach our little children from the fire-side in our homes, In the church don't just send them to but come and bring them. Also teach them to reverence the Lord. Bro. Paul Callahan, chairman.

Deceased Members—We find that there are two members deceased from our body, Bro. Bartley Kindrick a Deacon and Sister Josephine Henderson of Friendship Church, whom we deem our loss but God's gain. We ask that

this body stand in silent prayer in recognition of these our Bro. and Sister in Christ. Bro. A. A. Bradshaw, chairman.

At this time the quarterly meeting letter was read and adopted by the body and the delegate seated.

There were short but interesting talks made on the church and other subjects by Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Rev. H. T. Perkins, Sister Essie Dollar, Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Rev. Cleo Elder, Bro. W. W. Callahan, Rev. J. W. Burnham, and Sister "Grandma Callahan."

All Business carried by proper move and second.

(1) Business—Money orders to home mission board be returned to sender for purpose of cashing. Then cash be returned to the Home Mission Board.

(2) This body reimburse Bro. D. J. O'Donnell delegates to National Association, to represent Liberty No. Two Association there, the sum of \$31.00 expenses.

(3) Liberty No. 2 delegate to the State Association be granted power to appoint delegate to National Association to represent Liberty No. 2 Association there.

(4) Bro. S. W. McDonough from Trinity church and Bro. Edward Ledlow from Talladega church and Bro. E. O. Morris from Friendship church, Be called in question and if found worthy be granted license to preach the Gospel one year.

(5) Rev. Floyd C. Barber from Friendship church and Rev. Elbert Taylor from Guiding Light church be questioned and if found worthy be ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

(6) That a Field Evangelist be elected. (Rev. Edward Ledlow elected)

(7) Each minister and deacon give one day's pay for the purpose of helping buy a new tent. Money to be turned in to the Home Mission Board at the first Q. M. in 1952.

(8) This body back the efforts of the Youth Camp Movement.

(9) The next Quarterly meeting be postponed until Saturday before the 5th Sunday in December at Wattsville church.

(10) That the 19th session of this body be held with Friendship church at Pell City.

(11) All money received by the Home Mission Board in the past year for the Field Evangelist be given him. (Rev. W. C. Patterson)

(12) This body grant the Field Evangelist Power to appoint an assistant Evangelist if he desires.

(13) Discuss and see about ten acres offered by Bro. Tom Sanders for a camp site. Power given moderator to appoint three men to see about this property. Bros. C. L. Finch, Herman Dollar, Leroy Smith appointed.

(14) Ordination certificate recommended by council from Quarterly Meeting be used when ministers or Deacons come from another denomination.

SATURDAY MORNING

Services opened with singing led by Bro. W. W. Callahan "Take the Name of Jesus With You." and "Shouting on the Hills."

House called to order at 9:15 by the clerk. Moderator taking charge reading Rom. 8:1-14. Prayer by Bro. A. J. Lambert.

Letters from Roanoke church and City View church from Anniston came in and was turned to the credential Committee.

Credential Committee gave their report on the letters and they were read and adopted and the delegates seated.

Bro. Rayford Abrams appointed on the auditing committee in the absence of Rev. Marvin Wyatt.

At this time Rev. W. H. Ryland from the childrens Home gave interesting talk concerning the childrens Home.

Then an offering taken for Rev. H. T. Perkins to buy him a new suit. The three men appointed to buy the suit Bros. Mack Cole, Dock Sanders, J. B. Ledlow.

Rev. A. J. Lambert from Progressive Association gave his testimony, then an altar prayer led by Rev. Johnie Burnham. The services turned to Rev. Edward Ledlow to bring the 11 o'clock message. Using Isa. 28:16-20 a wonderful message. Bro. Eugene Brown led invitation song "Just as I Am."

Dismissed for noon hour by Sister O'Donnell to meet back at one o'clock.

House called to order at one o'clock by the moderator, using scripture 1 Cor. 13 chapter Bro. Paul Mayfield led in prayer.

Little William Ray Windsor was honorary assistant moderator for the evening.

Moderator appointed a ordaining council at time. Rev. Leroy Smith, Rev. Clarence O'Donnell, Rev. Johnie W. Burnham, Rev. Frank Jackson, and Rev. E. T. Nicholson.

Treasury Report Accepted—Received: Ent. Fees \$55.00, For minutes \$54.00, Orphans Home \$47.37, Home Mission \$13.25, 1949 Bal. in Treasury \$11.13—Total \$180.77. Paid out: Printing \$62.35, Clerk Fee \$10.00, Orphan Home \$47.37, Home Mission \$13.25, Postage and supplies \$5.13, Ent. Fee to State Association \$15.00, Total \$153.12. Bal. in treasury \$27.65.

Rev. J. B. Ledlow elected delegates to State Association.

A rising vote of thanks given by the body to the welcome given by the church and sisters for the splendid food served.

Ordaining Council—Rev. Floyd C. Barber and Rev. Elbert Taylor found worthy to be ordained to the full work of the ministry (Prayer of Consecration led by Rev. Frank Jackson then laying on of hands.

Rev. E. O. Morris, Rev. Edward Ledlow and Rev. S. W. McDonough found worthy to be licensed.

Ministerial Standing—Ministers Ordained and licensed be given proper credentials for the year.

Body give Rev. Ed Ledlow unanimous vote to stand behind him as Field Evangelist.

Move and second to accept minutes as read and clerk to make any necessary changes.

No report from last year Executive Committee.

No Credential Committee appointed for the coming year.

Move to adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday and Saturday mornings before the 4th Sunday in September, 1952, at Friendship Free Will Baptist church at Pell City, Alabama.

Friday night services began at 7:10 with Rev. Edward Ledlow leading singing.

Dinner was served inside the church Friday noon, because of rain, Saturday dinner was served on the grounds of the church.

We take this means of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the Sisters of the church and community for their splendid co-operation and hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

We pray the Lords blessings on you for your kindness. May He keep you in His Care.

The Association

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Rev. J. B. Ledlow opened the conference in the absence of the clerk. Rev. Frank Jackson the Moderator of the Ministers conference taking charge reading Ps. 90. Then Rev. H. A. O'Donnell led in prayer.

House declared in order for any business to come before the body. Move and second carried to elect moderator for this term. Rev. Clarence O'Donnell elected.

Move and second carried to elect clerk for this term. Rev. Chester O'Donnell elected.

Opportunity for membership given being accepted by Rev. Cleo Elder, Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Rev. Elbert Taylor.

Move and carried to receive them into the body. Right hand of fellowship then given them.

Move carried to drop Rev. J. T. Quick from the roll. Has gone to another association.

Move carried that ministers reporting by letter must have a legal excuse and state them in letter and be approved by this body to receive credentials of Standing.

Move carried to grant Rev. H. T. Perkins and DeWitt Mayfield Credentials of Standing.

Move carried to drop Rev. J. D. O'Donnell from roll. He has gone to another association.

Move carried to grant credentials to ministers reporting to this conference.

Move to stand adjourned until Saturday morning. Altar Prayer led by Rev. J. B. Ledlow.

SATURDAY EVENING MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Paul Davis, Acting Clerk

Opportunity given for membership accepted by Rev. S. W. McDonough, Rev. E. O. Morris, Rev. Edward Ledlow.

Right hand of fellowship given them by the ministers of the conference.

Move carried to grant Rev. E. T. Nicholson credentials for the coming year.

Move to stand adjourned until Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1952.

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. J. B. Ledlow, 505 Booker St., Talladega, Ala.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. A. A. Edge, Leeds, Ala.

Rev. Clarence O'Donnell, Route 1, Gadsden, Ala.

Rev. W. C. Patterson, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.

Rev. A. G. Robershaw, Route 1, Attalla, Ala.

Rev. W. B. Hollis, Oak Ridge, Ala.

Rev. Rayford Abrams, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. H. T. Perkins, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.

Rev. John W. Burnham, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Ragland, Ala.

Rev. Frank Jackson, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. Dewitt Mayfield, Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Leroy Smith, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. J. E. Self, Alabama City, Ala.

Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Talladega, Ala.

Rev. C. L. Finch, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. E. T. Nicholson, Route 1, Estaboga, Ala.

Rev. Cleo Elders, Talladega, Ala.

Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. Edward Ledlow, 505 Booker St., Talladega, Ala.

Rev. S. W. McDonough, East Gadsden, Ala.

Rev. E. O. Morris, Easonville, Ala.

Rev. Elbert Taylor, Route 1, Pell City, Ala.

Rev. J. T. Windsor brought the message Friday night Scripture reading St. John 8:31. His text from Rom. 9:6 For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel. A very good message from this thought.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Singing led by Bro. Edward Ledlow, after which Bro. D. J. O'Donnell led an altar prayer.

Rev. C. L. Finch gave talk concerning Rev. Ryland's work with the Boy Scouts in his younger days and his work with children. Then Bro. Ryland gave short talk and took an offering for the childrens Home amounting to \$57.55.

Then song led by Bro. Edward Ledlow then prayer led by Rev. H. T. Perkins.

The services turned to Sister Essie Dollar for the devotional. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Ledlow. Sister Dollar used the scripture Rom. 8:1-18.

Many good testimonies.

Then Rev. Johnie Burnham delivered the Communion message using St. John 7:17 and many other scriptures. A good message. Afterwards about 85 taking part in the supper and feet washing.

CHURCH REPORTS

Midway Church—State of Religion good. Members received this year one. Total membership 23. Prayer meetings good. Sunday School good. Average no. of pupils 24, no. of officers 2, no. of teachers 3. Paid pastor \$236.27, paid Evangelist \$95.58, Building and repairs \$852.40, For education \$44.12, enclosed for minutes \$2.00, Ent. Fee \$5.00, total \$7.00, offering to childrens home \$12.00.

Rev. J. T. Quick the moderator

Bro. Leroy Dunson R. F. D. 2, Roanoke, Ala., the clerk

City View Church, Anniston—Delegates, Rev. E. T. Nicholson, Bro. C. D. Messer, Bro. Henderson Brooks. State of Religion good. members received 2. Total membership 37. Prayer meeting good. Sunday School fair, average no. of pupils 38, no. of officers 2, Teachers 3. Paid pastor \$63.25, Evangelist \$100.00, Home mission \$17.00, Building and repairs \$351.60. Publications \$24.00. Enclosed for minutes \$2.00, Ent. Fee \$5.00, Home Mission \$6.00. Total \$13.00. Pastors name and address Rev. E. T. Nicholson, Eastaboga, Ala. Bro. S. B. Bishop, clerk.

Ladies Aid—We have 11 active members. In the past year we have made 323 sick visits. Paid out \$115.89 for the building of the church. Spent \$14.23 for supplies. For flowers, gifts and cards to the sick \$9.59. Christmas gifts for pastor and children \$23.05. Help the needy with \$33.15. Total paid out \$195.91. Raised money by making aprons, bags, pot holders, and free will offerings. Bal. in treasury \$10.02.

Guiding Light Church, Pell City, Rt. 1—Delegates, Rev. C. L. Finch, Bro. McPaul Tucker, Sister Hattie Owens and Bro. Will Jackson.

Pastor Rev. Leroy Smith for the coming year. Bro. McPaul Tucker for clerk. Have given the orphanage upward of \$120.00 the past year. Enclosed for Ent. fee \$5.00, Minutes \$3.00, Total \$8.00.

Request: Certificates of standing for all our ministers and call Rev. Elbert Taylor in question and if found worthy ordain him.

Rev. Leroy Smith moderator

W. W. Callahan clerk

Trinity Church, East Gadsden, Ala.—Delegates, Bro. Dennis Parkam and Bro. J. L. McDonough. State of Religion good. Members received this year 3 by baptism 3. Total 3. Loss by letter 4. Present membership 17. Prayer meetings none. Expended for Pastor \$490.00, Evangelist \$59.25, Building and repairs \$428.99, Heat and lights \$9.85, Home Missions \$76.80. Total \$1005.64. Sabbath School good, average no. of pupils 35, officers 2, teachers 3. Childrens Home \$46.16, Inclosed for Ent. fee \$5.00, minutes \$5.00, total inclosed \$10.00.

Value of church property \$4,000. We have called Rev. Frank Jackson of Pell City, Ala., for our pastor for the coming year. Clerks name and address E. J. McDonough, 210 A. Burns Park East Gadsden, Ala. Request—This body question Bro. S. W. McDonough if found worthy grant him liscense to preach 1 year.

Pleasant Grove Church, Ashville, Rt. 1—Delegates, Sister Irma O'Donnell, Sister Lillie Mae Bishop and Sister Elyven O'Donnell. State of religion good, prayer services fair, Total membership 30. Sunday School fair. No. of officers 2, Teachers 4, average no. of pupils 30. Paid out for pastor \$266.00, Evangelist \$38.75, Childrens Home \$174.05, Lights \$12.00, Bible College \$31.50, Youth Camp Fund \$1.00, Literature \$20.00, New Church \$2,358, Enclosed for minutes \$5.00. Ent. Fee \$500, Total \$10.00. Pastors name and address, Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Pell City, Ala. Clerk Seldon O'Donnell. Ministers holding membership with us 3.

First Church, Wattsville, Ala.—Delegates, Bros. Hobson Alverson, Herman Dollar. State of religion good. Loss by letter 3, total loss 3. Present membership 35. Prayer meeting fair. Paid out for Pastor \$240.00, Evangelist \$24.00, Expenses for church \$216.77, Home mission \$6.45, Orphanage. Record lost. total \$487.22, Sunday School good, average no. of pupils 20, officers 2, teachers 3, Literature \$25.00, Enclosed for ent. fee \$5.00, minutes \$3.00. Total enclosed \$8.00. Value of church property \$3,000. We have called Rev. C. L. Finch of Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1, for pastor. Clerk Hubert Ledlow, Box 3JA Pell City, Ala. Ordained ministers with us 2.

First Church, Talladega, Ala.—Delegates, Bros. L. H. Horn, W. H. James, Dug Haynes, Wm. Jenks, A. A. Bradshaw, Mack Cole, L. D. Jones, Leathern Watkins and Bro. John Wilcox. State of Religion good. Prayer services good. Members received this year 65, by baptism 45, Letter 14, Statement 6, no. dismissed 2, Total membership 191. Paid out: Pastor \$1,657.10, Evangelist \$254.79, Building and repairs \$2,192.48, heat and lights \$84.18, Misc. \$523.33, total \$4,711.88. Condition of Sunday School good. Average no. of pupils 107, officers 2, teachers 5. Cost of Literature \$45.39, enclosed for ent. fee \$5.00, minutes \$10. Total \$15.00. Value of church property \$6,000. Clerk Mrs. Opal Cole. P. O. 1,164, Talladega, Ala.

Pastor Rev. J. B. Ledlow, 505 Booker St., Talladega, Ala. Ministers with us Ordained 2, Licensed 1.

Request—Bro. Edward Ledlow be examined and if found worthy grant him license to preach the gospel one year.

Ladies Aid—We have 18 members. Which pay 10c a week, dues. Paid out Water meter and paint for church \$49.55, Misc. \$17.82, curtains

\$64.49, gift pastor and wife \$9.00, \$29.65 for lights and fixtures, \$115 paid on benches a total of \$285.41. Got coffee urn for selling \$60.00 worth of shampoo. We raised money by quilting, crocheting, sewing and selling dinners. Bal. in treasury \$2.95. Mrs. B. A. Davis, Pres., Eunice Limbaugh, Treas.

First Church, Alabama City, Ala.—Delegates, Bro. Lambert, Sister Johnson, Sister Ponder, Alt. Sister Lambert. State of religion fair. Members received this year by baptism 11, by letter 3, by restoration 3, by statement 12, total 344. Loss by letter 4, total 4.

Present membership 57. Prayer meetings fair. Paid out for pastor \$150.00, Building and repairs \$408.91, Heat and light \$48.31, Childrens Home \$53.80. Total \$661.02. Condition of Sabbath School fair, average no. pupils 50, officers 2, Teachers 4. Literature \$6.72, Enclosed for Ent. fee \$5.00, minutes \$5.00, total \$10.00. Value of church property \$5,000. We have called Rev. H. A. O'Donnell for pastor the coming year. Clerk Lemerle Robershaw, 202 Uriah Ave., Gadsden, Ala.

Ladies Aid—We have 9 members paying 25c a month dues. Paid out \$8.00 for piano bench. \$75.00 rest room fixtures for church. \$8.20 for books for the Aid. Gave the pastor 3 quilts. We now have \$17.45 in the treasury. Raised money by quilting, Pie suppers, selling pin cushions. We meet Thursdays at 2:30 P. M. Open our services with prayer then go into the business.

Friendship Church, Pell City, Ala.—Delegates, Bros. Eugene Brown, Calvin Barber, Abner Gray, Carliss Hollis, William Hammett and Bro. Luke Harris. State of religion good. Members received this year by baptism 4, by letter 7, by statement 4, total 15. Loss by letter 4, by deaths 2, total 6, present membership 133. Prayer meeting good. Paid out for Pastor \$770.00, Evangelist \$100.00. Building and repairs \$74.72, Heat and lights \$90.31, Publications \$75.63, Misc. \$765.73, total \$1,905.64. Sunday School good, average no. pupils 100, officers 2, Teachers 5, Cost of Literature \$59.78, Childrens Home \$342.53, Flowers and other Items \$662.18. Inclosed for Ent. fee \$5.00, minutes \$20.00, total \$25.00. Value of church property \$5,000. We have called Rev. John W. Burnham of Pell City, Ala., for pastor the coming year, no. of ordained ministers with us 7. Licensed 3. Request: Call Bro. O'Neal Morris in question and if found worthy grant him license for one year. Call Rev. Floyd C. Barber in question and if found worthy grant him Ordination papers for the full work of the gospel ministry. All our ministers be given certificates of standing.

Ladies Aid—Report for quarter not full year. 14 members. New member 1. Religious services 1 each week with shut-ins. Visiting sick good report. Given to needy \$23.50. Quilted 5 quilts. Building fund for new church \$71.19. In treasury \$36.73. Flowers for sick \$10.50. Reporter, Flora Davis.

Ragland Church—Delegates, Sister W. O. Davis, Sister Pearl Tucker and Sister Bessie Edge. State of religion good. Members received this year, by baptism 1, by letter 1, total 2. Loss by letter 4, total 4. Present membership 37. Prayer meeting fair. Paid out: For pastor \$340.92, Evangelist \$182.83, building and repairs \$187.40, heat and lights \$49.11. Total

\$760.16. Sunday School good, average no. of pupils 40, officers 2, teachers 4. Cost of literature \$24.82, Inclosed for ent. fee \$5.00, minutes \$3.00, total \$8.00. Value of church property \$5,000. We have called Rev. W. C. Patterson of Pell City, Ala., for pastor the coming year.

Miss Ruth Davis Ragland, Ala., clerk. We have 1 ordained minister with us.

Quarterly Meeting Letter—First district Quarterly Meeting to Liberty No. 2 Association. State of religion good. Revivals 11 in 1951, Sunday Schools good. Good interest manifest in all important questions. Churches coming into this Quarterly Meeting: City View Church, Anniston, Ala. ordained Rev. O'Dell Harris, Rev. DeWitt Mayfield, Rev. Chester L. Finch. Licensed Rev. E. M. Taylor, Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Rev. James Whaley, Rev. Cleo Elder, Rev. Roy Hudgepeth, Rev. Wendell Hudgepeth. Deacons, Bro. Paul Callahan, Bro. Chambers, Bro. Paul Davis, Bro. Calvin Barber. Ladies Aid letters to be printed in minutes. Pay 15% of the income of the Quarterly Meeting treasury to Youth Camp Treasurer.

Quarterly Meeting Treasurer, Bro. D. J. O'Donnell.

The Sixth Session of Liberty No. 2 Sunday School convention convened with the Ragland Church, April 22, 1951. The convention opened at 9:45 A. M. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Welcome address by Bro. Roy O'Donnell. Responce by Rev. J. T. Windsor.

President then read Matt. 28:18-20 and gave a good talk on the reading. Rev. Chester O'Donnell elected Secretary and Treasurer as the former was absent.

The letters were called for, read and adopted. 5 churches reported. Ragland, Friendship, Trinity, Pleasant Grove and Talladega.

Trinity was received into the convention. Bro. Sam Kimberly gave report on Youth Camp and Field Evangelist. Convention gave the Sec. and Treas. power to write letters to Quarterly Meeting asking them to help Youth Camp. Carried to do away with 10% to unified program and voted to give 15% of Sunday School offerings to Youth Camp.

Delegates to State Convention Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Bro. Paul Davis, Bro. Edward Ledlow.

Officers for year 1952: President, Edward Ledlow; Vice-President, Paul Davis; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Chester O'Donnell; Field Worker, Stanford McDonough.

All the committees of last year were retained.

The Convention Treasurer was made the Youth Camp Treasurer. The next session meets with Friendship church at Pell City the second 5th Sunday in 1952.

Rev. W. H. Ryland delivered the 11 o'clock message reading Job 31:14. An offering of \$25.01 was taken for the childrens Home. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Sam Kimberly. Afternoon session opened with Bro. Edward Ledlow in charge, Reading James 1 Prayer by Bro. Leonard Mayfield. There being no programs the time was given to singing. Dismissed by Rev. Marvin Wyatt.

Executive Board—James Barber 3 year 53; Roy O'Donnell 2 year 52;
Paul Davis 1 year 51.

Youth Camp Committee Sam Kimberly, chairman
Edward Ledlow
J. D. O'Donnell
Willadean O'Donnell

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 convoy any and all funds entrusted to him or her by the Convention. Other officers may be elected as deemed necessary by this Body.

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, Preserver, 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 disobe-

dience 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.