

MINUTES
OF THE
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION NO. 2 OF ALABAMA
OF THE ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HELD WITH
FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OAK RIDGE, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 26 and 27, 1952

REV. W. C. PATTERSON, Moderator

REV. J. T. WINDSOR, Assistant Moderator

MR. PAUL DAVIS, Clerk

MR. EUGENE BROWN, Assistant Clerk

The next session will be held with **SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST**
CHURCH, Eden, Alabama, Friday before the fourth

Sunday in September, 1953

Liberty Association No. 2 of the Original Free Will Baptist in its 19th session with Friendship Free Will Baptist Church at Oak Ridge, Ala., on Sept. 26th and 27th, 1952.

House was called to order at 9:15 o'clock, Friday morning by the clerk. Then the oldest pastor present took charge until officers of this term were elected.

Opened with prayer led by Rev. Virgil Crompton of the Wesleyan church in Pell City. Then the Moderator read the 15th Psalm.

Letters called for, read and accepted by the body and the delegates seated. The following churches reported.

1st. church, Alabama City, Alabama
1st. church, Wattsville, Alabama
Trinity church, East Gadsden, Alabama
Ragland church, Ragland, Alabama
1st church, Talladega, Alabama
Guiding Light Church, Rt. 1 Pell City, Alabama
Pleasant Grove, Ashville, Rt. 1 Alabama
Friendship Church, Oak Ridge, Alabama
Quarterly Meeting, of Liberty No. 2 Association
City View Church, Anniston, Alabama
Shiloh Church, Eden, Alabama

Motions carried to elect Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk. Rev. W. C. Patterson elected Moderator, Rev. J. T. Windsor elected Assistant Moderator, Paul Davis elected Clerk, Eugene Brown elected Assistant Clerk.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE—Bro's D. J. O'Donnell, Aubrey Bradshaw, Robert Sanders, Sisters Granny Callahan and Leona Bagswell.

Opportunity for membership given at this time. Accepted by Shiloh Church of Eden, Alabama.

Motion carried to read the letter and seat the delegate. They were accepted and the right hand of fellowship given by the body.

REST OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Rev. A. A. Edge (Chairman) Rev. S. W. McDonough, Rev. E. T. Nicholson, Rev. Leroy Smith, Rev. Marvin Wyatt.

FAMILY RELIGION—Rev. C. L. Finch, Bro's A. L. Harris, and John Endfinger.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Bro's L. H. Horn, Sister Fannye Ruth Davis, Bro. Jack Tollison, Sis. Catherine Naler and Sis. Nettie Green.

TEMPERANCE—Rev's J. W. Burnham, H. A. O'Donnell, W. B. Hollis, Sister Mildred Mitchell and Bro. Bill "Shorty" Tollison.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE—Bro's A. L. Harris, Bill "Shorty" Tollison and L. F. Coppock.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE—Rev. F. C. Barber, Sister Pearl Tucker and Bro. James Barber.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—Rev. Charlie Carlisle, Bro's Jack Tollison and W. W. Callahan.

DECEASED COMMITTEE—Bro's L. F. Coppock, Doc Sanders and Sister Mary McDonough.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—Rev's O'Neal Morris and J. E. Self and Bro. L. H. Horn.

MINISTERIAL STANDING—Bro's Sherlin Bishop, Sam Kimberly, W. W. Callahan, Bennie Davis, and John Endfinger.

Organizing Council

Rev. Leroy Smith—1 yr.

Rev. J. W. Burnham—2 yr.

Rev. S. W. McDonough—3 yr.

Rev. J. T. Windsor—4 yr.

Rev. C. L. Finch—5 yr.

Motion carried to replace Rev. Henry Mitchell on the Organizing Council. Rev. S. W. McDonough appointed in his place.

Executive Board

Bro. Ben Howard—1 yr.

Rev. C. L. Finch—2 yr.

Bro. Sam Kimberly—3 yr.

ORDAINING COUNCIL—Rev. Leroy Smith, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Rev. Floyd C. Barber.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR 1953—Rev. J. W. Burnham (Chairman), Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Rev. E. T. Nicholson.

Recess, after which Rev. C. L. Finch brought the 11 o'clock message using the scripture Luke 2:29-33, Isa. 49:5-8 Text: Guiding Light. A message enjoyed by all. Invitation song with no response. Dismissed for lunch by Granny Callahan to be back at 1 o'clock.

House called to order at 1:05 by the clerk and turned to the Moderator, Reading Ps. 100, and prayer led by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—All letters in order with a request to hold Pleasant Groves letter until their Pastor could get here.

FAMILY RELIGION—To teach prayer, its worth and aim, always with Bible reading and family prayer. Giving God thanks always, for every good gift cometh from God. To honor and respect God's services everywhere and at all times, hold Him supreme above all the earth.

Bro. D. J. O'Donnell gave a talk at this time, concerning keeping a record of the organizing of our Association and Quarterly Meeting. Motion carried to print item of Organizing our Association and Quarterly meeting in our minutes each year hereafter.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE—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 intent of the heart.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—All business carried by motion and second.

1. Pleasant Groves letter be withheld until the report of expenditures could be corrected.

2. Midway Church request for a letter was granted.

3. Next sitting of this Association to go to Shiloh Freewil Baptist Church at Eden, Alabama.

4. Ruling 13 in the Association ruling's was declared not a ruling. "Had not passed a vote of the body for 3 straight years."

5. The Association pay Bro. D. J. O'Donnell \$35.00. His expense to the National Association.

6. Executive Committee decision concerning the tent was accepted.

7. Bro. B. A. Davis and Bro. Jasper Humphrey of Talladega Church, Bro. M. J. Naier of Trinity Church worthy to be ordained Deacons. Rev. O'Neal Morris of Friendship Church and Ed Ledlow of Talladega church to be ordained to the Full Gospel Ministry "not possible for Rev. Ledlow to be here."

8. Bro. Williams to be questioned and to be granted license to preach 1 year if found worthy.

9. Act to table all business until tomorrow was rescinded.

10. All future business to be written and signed before it can be considered.

11. Associational Ruling 5 to read as the following and to be voted on 2 more years before being put in the rulings. "Licensed ministers must bear license for one (1) year before being Ordained unless being called to pastor a church."

12. Field Evangelist be reimbursed the expenses as stated in his letter.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The body was called together for the purpose of questioning Rev. Henry Mitchell and Rev. J. T. Quick concerning the granting of certificates of standing. Rev. Quick was given a certificate of standing. Due to the action of Rev. Mitchell he was not granted a certificate of standing. Rev. C. L. Carlisle made voluntary acknowledgement to the ministers and was given the right hand of fellowship by the body of ministers. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, "chr." After this report the Ordaining Council taking charge of the candidates, Bro. J. W. Burnham led in prayer.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE—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. That they teach them to fear God. That all the literature in their home be good wholesome literature. Parents teach their children not to partake of worldly pleasure.

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 children from the fireside in our homes. In the church don't just send them but bring them. Also teach them to reverence the Lord.

DECEASED MEMBERS—We find that there are three members deceased from our body. Rev. H. T. Perkins of Friendship Church, Sis. M. A. Matson and Bro. Woody Wilcox of 1st Church of Talladega, whom we deem our loss but heaven's gain. The body stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE—Eleven O'clock Friday morning message, Rev. C. L. Finch. Rev. W. B. Hollis Friday night Devotional. Rev. E. T. Nicholson Friday Night Message. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell Saturday Night Devotional, Rev. W. C. Patterson Saturday Night Message.

FIELD EVANGELIST REPORT—Held revival at Renfroe, Ala. Afterwards held services on Sunday afternoon's for several months. Ten were saved during this revival. Others saved during the Sunday afternoon services. One other revival at the County Home. Services for 1 week with 5 souls saved. Had Sunday services with them for a while. The Lord's blessings were with us, without which I could have done nothing. Sorry I could not go to West B'ham for revival as my job would not release me. Made several trips to Lineville and Ashland but could not locate a place for a revival, also went to Lincoln. The Association is in bad need of a tent and a full time Evangelist. For the fields are ripe to harvest. Expense for this years work \$118.30. Received from Home Mission Board \$111.72. The piano is in good shape and I also have the books, light bulbs and wiring. Rev. Edward Ledlow Field Evangelist.

CLERK REPORT:

Entrance Fee and Minutes money	\$108.00
Home Mission	6.00
Old Treasury	27.65
Rec'd from Q. M. Treas.	32.00
TOTAL	\$173.65

Paid out Home Mission \$6.00 Supplies \$7.75 Exp. State Association Delegate \$35.00 Minutes \$75.00 Clerk Fee \$10.00 Delegate Exp. to National Association \$32.00, Total \$165.75 Leaves bal in Treas. \$7.95.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT—We your ordaining council have examined Rev. O'Neil Morris and Bro. Lurid Williams. Found them to be sound in the faith and steadfast to their calling. Examined Bro. Bennie Davis and found him sound in Faith and Doctrine. Recommend them for laying on of hands. Services turned to the Ordaining Council for ordaining and licensing of these men. Concentration Prayer led by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell. Bro. O'Neil Morris waited until Saturday to be ordained.

The Moderator gave the Charge using the Scripture Titus 4:1-8. Handshake by the entire body.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock Friday night. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Privitt.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The 18th session called to order by the clerk. After which Rev. Clarence O'Donnell took charge reading Ps. 15. Prayer by Rev. S. W. McDonough. Motion carried to elect officers for this session.

Rev. S. W. McDonough elected Moderator.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell retained clerk for this session.

Opportunity for Membership given, being accepted by Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Rev's. Lurid Williams, Millard L. Harris and Mark Edge and were received into the body and right hand of fellowship given.

THE ROLL CALL:

These answered in person:

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. A. A. Edge, Leeds, Ala.
 Rev. Clarence O'Donnell, Steele, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. A. G. Robersshaw, 507 - n9th St. Gadsden, Ala.
 Rev. W. B. Hollis, Oak Ridge, Ala.
 Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. John W. Burnham, Pell City, Ala.
 Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Ragland, Ah.
 Rev. Leroy Smith, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. J. E. Self, Alabama City, Ala.
 Rev. C. L. Finch, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. E. T. Nicholson, Eastaboga, Ala.
 Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Oak Ridge, Ala.
 Rev. O'neil Morris, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1.
 Rev. S. W. McDonough, East Gadsden, Ala.
 Rev. Elbert Taylor, Pell City Ala., Rt. 1.

BY LETTER:

Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Talladega, Ala.
 Rev. Edward Ledlow, 515 Tuskegee St., Talladega, Ala.
 Rev. Leonard Mayfield, 630 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

The Letters were accepted.

Motion carried to drop these from the roll.

Rev. Rayford Abrams.
 Rev. Frank Jackson.
 Rev. Dewitt Mayfield.
 Rev. Cleo Elders.

They did not represent. The reason Rev. H. T. Perkins name does not appear on the Roll is, after the Lord used him for many years in the Ministry, and after much suffering in his body the Lord called him Home to rest. Motion carried to drop the rule from the minutes adopted last year and use the one in the Treatise.

Motion carried for clerk to ask the Association to grant Credentials of Standing for the Ministers on the Roll.

Motion carried to stand Adjourned until Friday night before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1953. Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk.

Friday night message by Rev. E. T. Nicholson using scriptures from Zech. and I Cor. A wonderful message on the Temple that stirred our souls and made our hearts rejoice. The speaker was full of the Spirit.

SATURDAY MORNING:

After song service the house was called to order by the Clerk at 9:10 and turned to the MODERATOR. Moderator taking charge reading Ps. 23. Led in prayer by Bro. Sam Kimberly. All joining in with an old fashioned hand shake while we sang "Amazing Grace" with the Spirit manifesting itself.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Paid into Treasury	\$162.35
Paid out of Treasury	112.32
Balance	50.03

The \$50.03 was given to the Field Evangelist. We have \$193.56 in the Tent Fund.

AUDITING REPORT—We find the Church Letters in order with \$98.50 inclosed and correct. We find the balance of \$7.90 on the clerk's report and on hand at this setting \$106.40.

Offering of \$27.21 taken at this time for the Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala.

Dismissed in prayer at this time by Rev. Van Abney of Mt. Zion Church of the B'ham District Association.

The body met back at one o'clock with singing. House called to order by the Assistant Clerk, then turned to the Moderator and he read the Scripture I John 3:3. Prayer led by Bro. Ben Howard.

Moderator strengthened the resolution committee with Bro. John Endfinger and Rev. J. W. Burnham.

Ladies Aid letter from Friendship Church read and accepted and to be printed with the minutes.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE—Ministers attending the Ministers Conference in person and by letter be granted Credentials for the coming year. Also Ministers ordained and licensed in this setting of the Association be granted Credentials of Standing.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—That we be temperate in all things taking heed less by any means this liberty of ours becomes a stumbling block to them that are weak, and through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish for whom Christ died, but when ye sin against the brethren and wound their weak conscience ye sin against Christ. Wherefore if meat make my brother to offend I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, Lest I make my brother to offend.

A recess at this time, then singing and the services turned to Rev. Floyd C. Barber for the 11 o'clock message. Scripture Zech. 13 Chapter. His text St. John 15:13. Led in prayer by Bro. Aubrey Bradshaw. A message that hit the mark it was intended for.

Invitation song with no one responding.

Recessed for the noon hour to be back at 1 o'clock.

Home Mission Board appointed: Bro's Sam Kimberly, A. L. Harris, and Bro. W. W. Callahan.

Motion carried to elect delegate to the State Association. Rev. J. T. Windsor elected.

Bro. D. J. O'Donnell gave report of \$35.00 expense to the National Association.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—The report was not accepted.

Motion carried to elect a Field Evangelist for the coming year. Rev. Marvin Wyatt elected.

Motion carried to give the balance of \$50.03 in Home Mission Treasury to the Field Evangelist (Rev. Edward Ledlow.)

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT—Bro. Naler and Brother Humphrey found worthy to be ordained Deacons. Rev. Morris requested Rev. W. C. Patterson to lay hands on him. Bro. Naler requested Rev. S. W. McDonough to lay hands on him. Bro. Humphrey requested Rev. J. T. Windsor to lay hands on him. Concentration Prayer led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle.

Services turned to Rev. J. T. Windsor and he gave the charge using the Scripture I Tim. 3:1-8.

Right hand of fellowship given by the body.

Rev. Marvin Wyatt gave a talk at this time and his report concerning old tent. He expressed his appreciation for the tent and said by the help of the Lord and the Holy Spirit to lead many souls to Jesus Christ, asking prayers of the people of God. Tent was given to him by the Executive Board, and if he felt led he could give an offering as the spirit led.

ORGANIZING COUNCIL REPORT—City View Church at Anniston was reorganized on June 29, 1952 with 12 members. Called Rev. F. C. Barber as pastor. River View Church at Renfro, Rt. 1, was organized on Sept. 30, 1951 with 8 members. Rev. Joseph "Big Boy" Spradley called as pastor. Rev. John W. Burnham "chr." Shiloh Church at Eden, Ala., was organized on Sept. 7, 1952 with 8 members. Rev. Floyd C. Barber was called for Pastor and Rev. C. L. Finch as assistant Pastor. Rev. H. A. O'Donnell "chr."

We give thanks to God for the sisters of Friendship Church for their hospitality and kindness during our stay with them, also for the splendid food served while this Association was in session. (The Association) Motion Carried to have minutes read. Motion carried to accept minutes as read with any correction if needed.

Adjourned until Friday Morning before the 4th Sunday in September 1953 at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church at Eden, Ala., at 9 o'clock each morning.

Saturday night services started with good singing and then altar prayer. Two special songs by Sister O'neil Morris, He Bought My Soul At Calvary and Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All. Then Bro. D. J. O'Donnell took charge of the devotional service reading Mk. 2:1-7 with some good comments. Many testimonies rendered then the services turned to Rev. W. C. Patterson for the Message. Bro. Patterson used the scriptures Gen. 43:21-25 and St. John 14:6. A message about the cup. After the message the services were turned to the Pastor Rev. J. W. Burnham to have charge of the Supper. There were 44 taking part in the supper and a goodly number in the feet washing.

The Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist was organized on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September in the year of our Lord A. D. 1934. Organizing Councilmen: Rev. E. J. Carlisle, Reev. W. B. Hollis, Rev. N. Polk from Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church. Met with these three at Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1. Rev. H. T. Perkins, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, and Bro. D. J. O'Donnell Rev. Leroy Smith Moderator and Bro' D. J. O'Donnell the Clerk. The last session of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting met with Talladega F. W. B. Church, Nov. 30th 1938. Motion carried that the body stand adjourned until Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January 1939 and then 4 churches came together and organized into one Quarterly Meeting. Friendship F. W. B. Church, Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church, Malone F. W. B. Church and Talladega F. W. B. Church The first District Quarterly Meeting was organized Jan. 30, 1939 at Malone F. W. B. Church in Alabama City, Ala.

CHURCH LETTERS:

1ST CHURCH AT TALLADEGA DELEGATES—Bro's A. A. Bradshaw, Robert Sanders, James Barber, L. H. Horn, M. A. Matson, Jasper Humphries, Bennie Davis, and Ernest Stansell. State of Religion, good, Members received by Baptism 11 by letter 8, by statement 2. Total 21. Loss by exclusion 6, by death 2, total 7. Present membership 211, Prayer Meeting good. Expended for Pastor \$1840.66. Evangelist \$126.89, Building and Repairs \$56.93, Heat and lights \$64.38, Home Mission \$85.95, Orphan Home \$147.80. Total \$2,525.55. Condition of Sabbath School good. Average number of pupils 145, officers 2, teachers 5. Cost of literature \$80.36. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00 Minutes \$10.00, Total enclosed \$15.00. Value of Church property \$6000. Have called Rev. J. B. Ledlow of Talladega, Ala., for our Pastor this coming year. Clerks name and address J. F. Barber, 504 Jackson St., Talladega, Ala. Ordained Ministers with us 2, Licensed 3. Done by order of First F. W. B. Church in regular conference this 6th day of Sept. 1952.

Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Mod.

Bro. J. F. Barber, Clerk

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH—We send as delegates Sisters Oma Dee Bishop, Martell O'Donnell, Ruby Ledlow, and Ronda O'Donnell. State of Religion, good. Members received this year by baptism 7, total 7. Loss by letter 1 total loss 1. Present membership 37, Prayer Meetings fair. Expended for Pastor \$30.30. Building and Repairs \$472.80, Heat and Lights \$8.36. Orphanage \$25.00. Total \$536.36. Condition of Sabbath School fair Average number of pupils 32, officers 2, teachers 4, Cost of literature \$5.60. Enclosed for Ent. Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$5.00, total \$10.00. Value of Church Properties \$5000. We have called Rev. Floyd C. Barber of Pell City, Ala., for pastor for the coming year. Clerks name and address Rev. Chester O'Donnell Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. Ordained Ministers 4, Licensed 1. Done by order of Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church in regular conference the 6th day of Sept. 1952.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Mod.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk.

1ST. CHURCH, ALABAMA CITY—Delegates Bro. Sherrell, Sis. Green, Sis. Atkins and Bro. Williams. State of Religion, good. Members received this year by letter 5, by statement 3. Total 8. Loss by letter 6, Total 6. Present membership 75. Prayer meetings fair. Expended for Pastor \$70.10. Evangelist \$49.63. Building and Repairs \$400.00. Heat and Lights \$54.42. Orphans Home \$111.22, Total \$631.27. Condition of Sabbath School good. Average number of pupils 50 officers 2, teachers 4. Cost of literature \$20.63. Enclosed for Ent Fee \$5.00 for minutes \$7.50. Total \$12.50. Value of Church property \$5000. Have called Rev. J. T. Windsor of Pell City, Ala., as Pastor for the coming year. Clerks name and address Ulysses Lambert 1310 Walnut St., Gadsden, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 2, Licensed 1. Done by order of First F. W. B. Church in regular conference this 13th day of Sept. 1952.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Mod.

Bro. U. U. Lambert, Clerk.

Request Bro. Williams to be questioned and if found worthy be granted a license to preach.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH—Delegates: Bros Ben Howard, Paul Davis, John Endfinger, Sam Kimberly and James Spradley. State of religion, good. Members received this year by letter 6, by baptism 6, total 12, Loss by letter 2, deaths 1, total 3, Present Membership 158, Prayer Meetings good, Expended for Pastor \$735.00 Evangelist \$215.00. Building and repairs \$46.35. Heat and Lights and Water \$109.95. Other Items \$998.41. Home Mission \$41.37. Total \$2,432.36. Condition of Sabbath School Good. Average number of pupils 90 officers 2, teachers 6, cost of literature \$71.22. Sabbath School offerings to Orphanage \$187.29, Enclosed for Ent. Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$12.00. Total enclosed \$17.00. Value of Church Property \$6000. We have called Rev. J. W. Burnham for Pastor for the coming year. Clerks name and address, Carliss Hollis, Pell City, Ala. Number of ordained ministers 7, Licensed 3. Done by Friendship F. W. B. Church in regular conference this 20th day of Sept. 1952.

Rev. J. W. Burnham, Moderator

James T. Spradley, Clerk

Request: Rev. O'neil Morris be questioned and if found worthy ordained to the full gospel ministry. Grant our Ministers Certificates of Standing.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH LADIES AID—We have 13 members paying 10 cents a week dues. We have sold sandwiches, and patches on Josephs coat. \$209.48 of this we have used \$183.59 toward helping needy families, buying flowers for the sick and deceased, to the Home Mission Board, also paint for our church floor and gave to the building fund toward erecting a new church. We have a balance of \$25.89 in the treasure. State of religion good. Visiting the sick good. Meet each Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Open with song and prayer having regular devotional service after which we have the business transactions, being dismissed with an Altar Prayer.

TRINITY CHURCH—Delegates, Sis. M. J. Nalen and Sis. S. W. McDonough.

State of religion good, members received this year, by baptism 1 by statement 1 total 2, Loss by letter 2, total loss 2. Present membership 78. Prayer Meetings fair. Expended for pastor \$170.00, Evangelist \$52.73, Building and repairs \$661.32. Heat and Lights \$44.14 total \$928.10. Condition of Sabbath School fine. Average number of pupils 38, officers 2 teachers 4. Cost of literature \$13.38. Sabbath School offerings to the Childrens Home \$48.33. Enclosed for Ent. Fee \$5.00. Minutes \$5.00. Total \$10.00. Value of Church property \$5000. We have called Rev. S. W. McDonough for Pastor, Clerks name and address, Dennis Parham, 233 Campbell Ct. Gadsden, Ala. Ordained Ministers 1. Done by order of Trinity F. W. B. Church in regular conference the 20 day of Sept. 1952.

Rev. S. W. McDonough, Mod.

Bro. Dennis Parham, Clerk

RAGLAND CHURCH—Delegates, Sisters Jim Bagswell, W. O. Davis and Sis Ruth Davis. State of religion, good. Members received this year, by letter 4, total 4. Prayer meetings, good. Expended for pastor \$217.09, Evangelist \$93.75. Building and Repairs \$40.19, Heat and Lights \$75.57. Orphans Home \$91.96 Total \$518.56. Sabbath School good. No. pupils 45 officers 2 teachers 4. Ent. Fee \$5.00 Minutes \$3.00 total enclosed \$8.00. Value of Church property \$5000. Clerks name and address Miss Ruth Davis, Ragland, Ala. No. of ordained ministers 2, Licensed 1. Done by order of Ragland F. W. B. Church this 6th day of Sept. 1952.

Rev. W. C. Patterson, Mod.

Ruth Davis, Clerk

CITY VIEW CHURCH—Delegates Bros P. J. Stephens and L. Martin. State of religion good. Received this year by letter 5 by baptism 2, total 6, Loss by letter 2 Total 2 present membership 16. Prayer Meeting good. Expended for pastor \$90.00. Evangelist \$94.20. Building and Repairs \$107.16. Heat and Lights \$10.06. Home Mission \$11.34. Total \$128.56. Sabbath School fair. Number of pupils 38, officers 2, teachers 3. Cost of literature \$9.00. Enclosed for ent. fee \$5.00, minutes \$3.00. Total \$8.00. Value of Church property \$2300. We have called Rev. E. O. Morris of Pell City for Pastor for the coming year. Sherlin Bishop, 1331 W. 12th St. Anniston, Ala., Clerk; Ordained Ministers 1 Licensed 1. In conference Aug. 16, 1952.

Rev. Floyd C. Barber, Mod.

Sherlin Bishop, Clerk

GUIDING LIGHT—Delegates, W. W. Callahan, Granny Callahan, Mrs. Eldridge Mitchell and Burns Ramsey. State of religion Excellent. Members this year by baptism 1, by letter 4 by statement 1 total 6. Loss by letter 2 total 2. Present membership 110. Prayer meeting good. Building and repairs \$75.00. Sabbath School good. Average number of pupils 40. Officers 2, teachers 3. Enclosed for Ent. Fee, \$5.00. Total \$5.00. Have called Rev. Roy Smith for pastor. Clerk Paul Callahan Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala. Ordained Ministers 4. In conference Sept. 21, 1952.

Rev. Roy Smith. Moderator

Paul Callahan, Clerk

FIRST CHURCH, WATTSVILLE—Delegates, Bros A. A. Edge, Jack Tollison and William "Shorty" Tollison. State of religion good. Members this year by baptism 4, by letter 5, by statement 2 total 11. Present membership 46. Prayer Meeting fair. Expended for Heat and lights \$155.28, Publication \$3.00, Home Mission \$4.07. Unified Program \$20.00. Total \$182.35. Sabbath School good. Average number of pupils 25. Officers 2, teachers 3. Cost of literature \$25.36. Enclosed for Ent. Fee. \$5.00. Minutes \$3.00. Total \$8.00. Value of Church property \$3000. Have called Rev. C. L. Finch for Pastor the coming year. Clerk Hobson Alverson, Wattsville, Ala. Ordained Ministers 4. In conference Sept. 21, 1952.

Rev. C. L. Finch, Moderator

Hubert Ledlow, Clerk

SHILOH-EDEN, ALA.—We the members of Shiloh F. W. B. Church would like to become a member of the Liberty No. 2 Association. We send \$5.00 Ent. Fee. and \$2.00 for minutes. Delegates Bro. A. L. Harris and Bro. Ervin Kendrick. We would like to have the next setting of the Association. We have called Rev. Floyd C. Barber for pastor and Rev. C. L. Finch Assistant pastor. We have 8 members. Two of them are ordained deacons. We were organized on Sept. 7, 1952. First Sunday School on Sept. 21 with 36 attending. Pray for us that we may ever be in the center of God's will, doing what we can to bring the lost to Christ.

Sis. Georgia Gossett, Clerk, Eden, Ala.

QUARTERLY MEETING LETTER—Delegate, Paul Davis.

1. Dec. 29, 1951 the 51st Session at Wattsville Church, Rev. Cleo Elders ordained to preach. The following as deacons, Johnnie Johnston, 1st church Ala. City. Dennis Parham, Trinity—James Davis and Bill Hines of Ragland and Henry Endfinger of Renfro. Rev. Roy O'Donnell of Pleasant Grove and Arthur Greenwood of Talladega, licensed to preach. Rev. C. L. Finch, Mod.

2. Mar. 28, 1952 52nd Session at Friendship Church. Rev. S. W. McDonough of Trinity ordained to preach. Rev. Harris given License to preach. An offering of \$21.31 taken for Rev. H. T. Perkins. Rev. F. C. Barber Mod.

3. June 28, 1952 53rd with Trinity Church. Offering of \$14.24 taken for the Children Home. Committee sent to investigate concerning property of Malone F. W. B. Church. Bro. Mark Edge of Ragland was granted license and Bro. Sherlin Bishop of City View were ordained as deacons. Bro. Williams ordained as deacon for 1st. Church at Ala. City. Rev. Leroy Smith, Mod.

4. Aug. 30, 1952, Met with 1st church at Ala. City. Organizing Council reorganized City View Church at Anniston. During the year we gave to the Bible College \$65.00, Youth Camp \$25.00, Childrens Home \$54.25. Foreign Missions \$15.00, Home Mission Board Liberty No. 2 Association \$25.00. A freewill offering of \$25.00 to Rev. H. T. Perkins.

Brother D. J. O'Donnell, Clerk

The Seventh session of Liberty No. 2 Association S. S. Convention convened with Friendship Church, July 13, 1952.

The convention opened at 10:10 with singing, scripture reading and then prayer led by Bro. Barto Endfinger. House called to order by the President, Rev. Edward Ledlow,

Motion carried for the Pres. to appoint a devotional committee to select a messenger for the 11 o'clock hour. Bro. Sam Kimberly, Bobby Conner and Abner Gray.

Letters called for read and adopted. Seven churches reported. Ragland Church, Guiding Light, 1st Church at Ala. City. Pleasant Grove, Trinity, Friendship, 1st Church Talladega and the delegates seated.

Devotion committee's report accepted. Rev. Edward Ledlow to bring the 11 o'clock message. Motion carried to go into the election of officers for the coming year.

Rev. W. W. McDonough, Pres.
Bro. Robert Burnham, Vice Pres.
Rev. J. T. Windsor, Sec.-Treas.
Bro. Paul Davis, Assistant Sec.-Treas.

Rev. E. O. Morris elected Field Evangelist and Bro. Robert Burnham elected Assistant Field Evangelist.

Motion carried to accept Sec-Treas report and take up business in it. Replace 2 members of Youth Camp Committee. 1 yr. Bro. Sam Kimberly, 2 yr. Edward Ledlow, 3 yr. Mark Edge, 4 yr. M. J. Naler. Replace 2 members on executive board: Bro. James Barber 1953; Bro. Calvin Barber 1954; Bro. Will Jackson 1955. Committee report on camp site. Location not suitable because of transportation difficulty. Rev. Leroy Smith.

Motion carried for all report of committees be written and given to clerk. Motion carried to appoint committee to select date of S. S. Convention for the future, Rev. W. C. Patterson, Bro. Alford O'Donnell and Bro. A. L. Harris.

Rev. Edward Ledlow brought the 11 o'clock message using scripture Isa. 55:1-3. A very good message and we thank God for the 3 souls who came to Him.

Evening session opened with singing and scripture reading then prayer led by Rev. Leroy Smith. House called to order by the President. Ragland Church given power of vote although they didn't represent by letter.

Carried to accept the committee report to set the convention date on the 4th Sunday in April in the future.

Next session of the Convention convene with Guiding Light Church.

Motion carried the next session of the convention transact business on Saturday evening before the 4th Sunday in April at 2 o'clock. Carried to accept Field Evangelist report. Visited 4 churches then he was called to pastor a church. Motion carried to accept minutes and clerk to make any changes needed.

Guiding Light gave a program. "The Old Rugged Cross" which was enjoyed by all. Afterwards there was some good singing.

CLERK-TREAS. REPORT

Bal. in old Treas.	\$18.40
Dues	25.00
Total	43.40
Paid Out	10.65
Bal. in Treas.	\$32.75

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April 1953.

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-five (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—

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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.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS 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 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. 3. 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

ORDER OF BUSINESS—

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.

(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. Appointments of committees.
8. Acknowledgements.
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 coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.