

MINUTES OF THE
Liberty No. 2 Association
of Alabama

OF THE ORIGINAL

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HELD WITH

GUIDING LIGHT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ROUTE 1, PELL CITY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25, 1954



REV. F. C. BARBER, Moderator
REV. J. F. BARBER, Assistant Moderator
CHESTER O'DONNELL, Clerk,
MARVIN WYATT, Assistant Clerk

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The Next Session Will Be Held With

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pell City, Alabama, Friday and Saturday Before the Fourth
Sunday in September, 1955 — Beginning 9 A. M. Friday Morning

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. Acknowledgements.
9. Committee reports.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

The Liberty Association No. 2 of Free Will Baptist met in its 21st Annual session with Guiding Light Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pell City, Alabama, September 24-25, 1954.

The services opened with singing, led by Bro. G. I. Riley.

The house called to order at 9:15 o'clock Friday Morning, by the Clerk, after which the Moderator (J. T. Windsor) took charge, reading Romans 12 chapter. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

Letter called for, read and adopted, and the delegates seated.

Motion carried to go into the election of officers at this time, for this session. Moderator, Rev. F. C. Barber; Assistant Moderator, J. F. Barber; Clerk, Chester O'Donnell; Assistant Clerk, Marvin Wyatt.

Motion carried to give our visitors, (Rev. W. H. Ryland, and H. L. Key), a seat in our body.

The By-Laws were read by request.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Credentials — Bro. W. W. Callahan, Doc Sanders, J. A. Gray, Wyman Carlisle, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.

Devotional — Sisters Grady Callahan, Bessie Edge, Herman Dollar, Bro. G. I. Riley, Curt Hollingsworth.

Business — Rev. W. C. Patterson, J. T. Windsor, A. A. Edge, Johnnie Burnham, Bro. D. J. O'Donnell.

Family Religion — Bro. J. A. Gray, Jack Tollison, Sister Hattie Owens.

Temperance — Bro. Paul Davis, A. A. Bradshaw, Sister Bertha Fisher. Move carried to accept partial report of Devotional Committee.

Sabbath School — Bro. J. S. Howell, W. T. Mulligan, Sister Leona Bagwell, Charles Carlisle, A. A. Bradshaw.

Literature — Bro. Mark Edge, A. A. Bradshaw, Sister Herman Dollar.

Auditing — Bro. W. W. Callahan, W. T. Mulligan, Rev. Leroy Smith.

Education — Bro. H. D. O'Donnell, Will Jackson, Bran Horn, Henry Patterson, Rev. Leonard Mayfield.

Bro. W. W. Callahan began the 11 o'clock service by singing some good songs, then our visiting Minister from Bear Creek Association, Rev. H. L. Key, brought us a good message from St. John 19:1-5.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. A. A. Bradshaw, to meet back at 1 p. m.

Friday evening session began with Bro. G. I. Riley and Guy Mitchel leading the singing. Scripture reading 15th Psalms. Prayer by Rev. P. J. Stephens.

Moved, carried to accept partial report of Business Committee, and take it up item by item. Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

The Credential Committee report read and adopted.

Education Committee report read and adopted.

An offering of \$25.24 was taken at this time for the Children's Home.

Sabbath School report read and adopted.

Delegate to State Association gave an oral report on the State Association. Moved, carried to accept it.

Deceased — Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Bro. Henery Patterson, Sister Herman Dollar.

Resolution — Bro. Herman Dollar, A. A. Bradshaw, Sister Jack Tollison

Ministerial Standing — Bro. W. W. Callahan, Paul Davis, G. I. Riley, Doc. Sanders, Bram Horn.

Organizing Council — Rev. J. T. Winsdor, W. C. Patterson, S. W. McDonough, Leroy Smith, Bro. Paul Davis.

Executive Board — Bro. Sam Kimberly, 1 yr., Rev. J. T. Windsor, 2 yrs., Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, 3 yrs.

1955 Credential Committee — Bro. Paul Davis, Aubrey Bradshaw, Rev. Paul Stephens, Leroy Smith, Leonard Mayfield.

Home Missions — Bro. Calvin Barber, 1 yr., H. E. White, 2 yrs., Herman Dollar, 3 yrs.

Family Religion report and adopted.

Moved, carried to elect delegate to State Association. Leroy Smith elected.

Moved to stand adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday Morning. Dismissed by Marvin Wyatt.

Friday night after the Ministers Conference Rev. J. F. Barber brought us the message, reading from Heb. 11:1-6 and Exodus 4:1, Subject: "Rod of Faith." Dismissed by Bro. Endfinger.

Saturday Morning services started with Bro. W. W. Callahan leading the singing. Scripture reading Matt. 5:31-8. Altar Prayer led by sister Hattie Owens.

Moved, carried to accept the report from the Ladies Aid Church of Alabama City.

Ben Howard put on the Auditing Committee in the absence of Bro. W. T. Mulligan.

Moved, carried to accept report of Delegate to National Association.

Literature Committee report read and adopted.

Final report of Devotional Committee read and adopted.

Deceased Committee report read and adopted.

Report of Ministerial Standing read and adopted.

Ben Howard was placed on the Business Committee in J. W. Burnham's place.

Report of Auditing Committee read and adopted.

Rev. J. E. Shelf brought the eleven o'clock message Saturday morning, reading Prov. 14:12.

Moderator opened the Saturday evening service by reading 3 John 1-3. Prayer by Bro. Pardue.

Final report of Business committee read and items 5 - 6 - 7 - 9 - 10 - 11 were adopted, item No. 8 was rejected.

Ordaining council — Rev. Leroy Smith, Mark Edge, C. L. Carlisle, J. W. Burnham, J. F. Barber.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Friendship Ladies Aid report read and adopted.

Report of Resolution Committee read and adopted.

Report of Ordaining Council given and adopted.

Report of Temperance Committee read and adopted.

No report from the Organizing Council.

No report from the Executive Board.

No report from the Home Mission Board.

Rev. J. W. Murray a visiting preacher spoke to us at this hour, for a few minutes.

An offering of \$20.00 was taken for the youth camp.

Minutes read and adopted.

Moved, carried that the Business Part of this session stand adjourned, to meet with Friendship Church, Friday morning at 9 o'clock before the 4th Sunday in September 1955.

F. C. Barber, Moderator

Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

Saturday night Bro. D. J. O'Donnell led the devotional service, then Rev. W. C. Patterson brought the message reading Matt. 7:24-25 and John 2:5. After the message we had Communion and Feet Washing. An offering of \$10.75 was taken for Paul Stephens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credential — We have examined the letters and found them to be in order.

W. W. Callahan, Chm.

Devotional — Rev. H. L. Key to preach Friday Morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. J. F. Barber Friday Night. Rev. J. E. Self Saturday Morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. W. C. Patterson to preach Saturday Night. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell to lead the devotional Saturday Night.

Sister Granny Callahan, Chm.

Business — We the Business Committee bring you the following business:

1. Bro. Clyde Willis be called in question and if found worthy ordain him to preach the Gospel.

2. That we return Bro. Henry Mitchell his ordination papers, or give him new ordination papers instead.

3. That new ordination papers be given Rev. Paul Stephens. His was destroyed when his house burned.

4. The Home Mission Board move the Piano from the home of Mrs. Humphrey.

5. Pay Johnnie Burnham's expenses to State Association. \$12.00

6. Pay S. W. McDonough's expenses to the National Association. \$29.45.

7. That the Home Mission Board see about buying a tent, and to buy if they have the money.

8. That the ruling (that any ruling must be voted on three straight years before it becomes a standing ruling) be put in the ruling of our minutes. Rejected.

9. That we elect a field Evangelist. Rev. F. C. Barber elected.

10. That this body withdraw fellowship from City View Church of Anniston, they have been labored with.

11. That the next session of the association be with Friendship Church Pell City, Ala.

W. C. Patterson, Chm.

Family Religion — Reprint 1952 report, "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 His services everywhere and at all times holding Him supreme above all the earth."

J. A. Gray, Chm.

Temperance — In order to further temperance, we should be temperate in all things, especially in drinking. "Total abstinence from sinful amusements and intoxicating drinks."

Paul Davis, Chm.

Sabbath School — Reprint — "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 labours. The Sunday School is the most important school that was ever taught, so let us all teach our children from the fireside in our home. In the church don't just send them but bring them, also teach them to reverence the Lord."

J. S. Howell, Chm.

Education — Reprint — "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 Prov. 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 pleasers."

H. D. O'Donnell, Chm.

Literature — We recommend and urge all parents to closely examine the Literature that comes into their homes, and encourage their children to read wholesome literature, based on the word of God. That Sunday School Superintendent and teachers examine the literature more closely as there has been some mistakes in them lately.

Mark Edge, Chm.

Auditing — We find the books we have examined to be correct.

W. W. Callahan, Chm.

Deceased — The following have departed from our body since we last met: Jerry Mitchell from Guiding Light. Fannie Henson from Friendship. Bro. Lenord Hammet and Bro. Willingham from Wattsville

H. A. O'Donnell, Chm.

Resolution — (1) That we give a rising vote of thanks to this church, its pastor, and the good ladies for the good food served. (2) Give a rising vote of thanks to each committee for their good work. (3) That we strive faithfully to get our Ministers to work in places where we have no churches.

Herman Dollar, Chm.

Ministerial Standing — We recommend that each minister that reported to Ministers Conference be given a credential of standing. That from now on the old age and Feeble Free Will Baptist Minister be given a life time certificate of standing. When they are not able to appear in person.

W. W. Callahan, Chm.

Treasurer's report:

Balance in Treasurer 1953	\$41.83
Entrance Fee and Minute Money 1953	87.00
Received from Quarterly meeting 1953	41.00
Total	\$169.83

Paid out in 1953:

J. T. Windsor expenses to State Association	\$ 19.36
Paul Davis expenses to the National Association	77.50
Entrance Fee to State Association	20.00
Clerks Fee	10.00
Writing Paper70
Minutes and postage	40.90

Total expenses for 1953	\$168.46
Balance left in treasury	1.37

Paul Davis, Treasurer

Ordaining Council — We have examined Bro. Clyde Willis and found him in Worthy to be ordained. At this time the council ordained him by Prayer and laying on of hands.

National Association Delegate's Report — On July 13, 1954 the National Association of Free Will Baptists met in the Municipal Auditorium at Spartanburg, S. C. for their 18th session.

For the Tuesday evening service Rev. C. F. Bowen of Nashville, Tenn. delivered a wonderful message on "The Urgency of the Burning Heart." A very spiritual service was enjoyed by all.

At the Wednesday Morning service the Committee on Committees and the General Board made their reports after the delegates were seated.

For the 11 o'clock message Rev. C. A. Thigpen from Detroit, Mich. used I Timothy 5:4 for a wonderful message and a great help to all.

At 2 o'clock the Nominating Committee made their report and all Board Members were elected by the body.

At 2:40 P. M. Wednesday, Dr. Bob Jones from Bob Jones College at Greenville, S. C. brought another wonderful message on "Evangelism and Revival." A real soul stirring message.

From 3:30 to 4:30 was given to the following Board Chairman or Secretary. Executive Secretary — Rev. W. S. Moonyham; Stewardship Commission — Rev. D. C. Dodd; Publications and Literature — Rev.

J. C. Griffin, Rev. Albert Johnson of New York gave a report for the American Bible Society on "Bibles for Bibleless Millions."

At 7:15 Wednesday evening Rev. Raymond Riggs gave a report on his and Rev. E. E. Morris' trip to India along with slides of pictures made there, followed by his report of the Foreign Mission Board. Rev. D. C. Dodd gave the Home Mission Board report and Rev. J. B. Bloss presented three Ministers and their wives to the body and the Board of Home Missions Commissioned them for their respective fields of Home Mission work.

Thursday Morning the following Boards reported: League — Rev. C. F. Bowen. Sunday School — Rev. William Mishler, Radio and T. V. — Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, College Trustee — Rev. J. L. Welch.

Following these reports Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. brought a great message on "Christian Education in Revival."

The Miscellaneous Business session was in the rest of the Morning and in the afternoon session. Among the Business that was passed was a re-allotment of delegates to the National Association. The plan is as follows: Each State Association has heretofore had its delegation determined by its number of Free Will Baptist members. Now this National Association will be made up of the following Delegates. Each State Association — 10 Delegates; each District Association — 5 Delegates; each Local Association — 3 Delegates. This delegation to be made up entirely of the laity of the various churches. That is no minister for an elected delegate.

The session adjourned after the placement committee gave the body two places who asked for the next session. Tulsa, Okla. got the session with 91 votes and N. C. State Association lost with 85 votes.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Charles Thigpen, Moderator; Rev. Walter Carter, Assistant Moderator, and Rev. George Waggoner Clerk with Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Assistant Clerk.

My expenses were \$29.45.

Rev. S. W. McDonough

Quarterly Meeting Letter — Rev. S. W. McDonough, delegate, entrance fee \$5.00.

November 28, 1953 the 59th session of the 1st District Quarterly Meeting meet with Trinity Church in E. Gasden, Ala.

Rev. James Spears licensed to preach. Motion carried to have clerk prepare two lists of the elected delegates names together with the church they represent, one for the Moderator and one for the clerk. Rev. Leroy Smith, Moderator.

January 30, 1954, the 60th session at Pleasant Grove Church of Ashville, Ala., Route 1. Bros. Griffin Holcombs and L. D. Jones of Talledega Church ordained as deacons. A committee composed of Bro. Paul Davis, Rev. J. W. Burnham and Bro. J. L. Franklin were sent to investigate City View Church at Anniston, Ala. and report at the next Quarterly Meeting. A collection of \$16.05 was taken for the Youth Camp. Rev. Mark Edge, Moderator.

May 29, 1954, the 61st session at the First F. W. B. Church of Alabama City, Ala. Rev. J. F. Barber ordained to full Gospel Ministry and Bro. Alfred Smith ordained as a deacon. A collection was taken for the new Church in Cleveland, Ohio, \$27.53. Rev. W. C. Patterson brought the morning message and 2 souls were saved and one reclaimed. Donated \$50.00 of Quarterly Meeting money to Youth Camp. Motioned carried to put one member of each Church on the Camp Ground Committee.

August 28, 1954 the 62nd session at First Free Will Baptist Church in Ragland, Ala. Rev. Paul Mayfield of Talladega ordained to full Gospel Ministry and Rev. Otis Moon of Alabama City, Rev. William Mulligan of Friendship, and Rev. Clarence McGurt of Talledega were licensed to preach for 1 year. Quarterly meeting gave Youth Camp treasurer \$50.00 on the Camp Ground. Motioned carried to raise Quarterly Meeting Entrance Fee from \$5.00 to \$7.50. Motion carried for every church to take a special offering every 5th Sunday for the Youth Camp. A card of thanks from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio for the May 29th donation of \$27.53 sent to them. Another collection of \$21.17 was taken for the same church.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Moderator,
Rev. S. W. McDonough, Clerk

Greetings from the Ladies Aid of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, Ala. We have 8 members in our Ladies Aid. We only met 4 time this year. Our report is small but we are hoping to do more the coming year than we have done this past year.

We sell aprons, clothes pin bags, and other items, we put on ice cream and pie suppers to raise money. We all pay 25 cents a month dues. We piece Quilt Stars and work names on them at 10 cents a name. We have paid \$20.35 on the Church Piano. We buy flowers for the sick. We visit the sick and pray with them. We paid \$4.97 for flowers. Total paid out for other items \$22.47. We have in the treasure \$6.31.

Friendship Free Will Baptist Ladies Aid — Our report for the Associational year. We have 17 members on the roll. Meet every Tuesday night at the Church. We elect officers every three months.

Our President opens the aid with singing, Bible reading, and Prayer, our devotions, then we go into our business, paying our dues, etc.

We have had a busy year, helping needy families, showers for the sick and the shut in. We send out get well cards each week to the Hospital. Selling shampoo, deo. flavoring. Sold sandwiches to build up our treasure. We quilted quilts and sold them. Also quilt for other people. We had one week of Bible school for the Church. We have a building fund to help build us a new Church. We now have \$211.16 in the building fund. We have a balance of \$112.87 in the treasury. Pray for us that we will have a greater zeal for the Lord next year. Be a blessing to our Church and to others.

Friendship Ladies Aid

CHURCH REPORTS

First F. W. B. Church of Wattsville — Delegates, Sister Jack Tollison, Bro. and Sister Herman Dollar. Received 3 members by statement, lost by Letter 8, by exclusion 1, death 2, total 11. Present membership 39,

Expended: pastor \$45.25, Evangelist \$45.25, Building and repairs \$233.12, Heat and lights \$60.71, Insurance and other items \$83.00, total \$492.56. Condition of Sunday School, good. Number of officers 2, teachers 3, average number of pupils 29. Cost of literature \$35.13, Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$10.00. Flowers and other items \$23.23. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$2.00. Total enclosed \$7.00. Value of Church properties \$3,000.00. We have called Rev. J. W. Burnham of Pell City, Ala. for our Pastor for the coming year. Number ordained Ministers 2.

Herman Dollar, Clerk

Trinity F. W. B. Church of E. Gadsden, Ala. — Delegates, Bro. Curt Hollingsworth, and Sister Louise Varnedore. State of religion good. Members lost by letter 2. Present membership 17. Expended for Pastor \$493.19, Building and repair \$82.20, Heat and lights, \$46.00, total \$621.39. Sunday School good. Average Number of pupils 30, Officers 2, teachers 4. Cost of literature \$22.02. Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$24.51, enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$2.00. Value of Church Properties \$5,000.00. We have called Rev. Alfred Ledlow of Route 1, Ashville, Ala., for our pastor the coming year. Clerk's name and address, Dennis Parham, 329 Starnes Park, E. Gadsden, Ala. Number of ordained ministers 1, licensed ministers 2.

Friendship F. W. B. Church of Oak Ridge, Ala. — Delegates, Bro. Will Hollis, Luke Harris, Abner Gray, William Mulligan, Ben Howard. State of Religion, good. Members received this year, by letter 1, Baptism 1, Statement 1, total 3. Loss, by Letter 6, death 1, total 7. Present membership 146. Prayer meeting good. Expended for Pastor \$725.00, Evangelist \$250.00, Miscellaneous \$225.83, Heat and Lights \$80.09, Visiting Preachers \$33.00, Flowers \$23.19, Church cleaning \$80.00, Quarterly Meeting \$25.00, total \$1442.11. Condition of Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 70, officers 2, teachers 5, cost of literature \$80.79, Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$165.02, Flowers and other items \$173.86, Song Books \$54.00, Christmas expense \$71.72, Camp Ground \$41.41. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$13.00, total \$18.00. Value of Church properties \$10,000.00. We have called Rev. Johnnie Burnham of Pell City, Ala., for our pastor for the coming year. Clerk name and address Eugene Brown, Box 335, Pell City, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 5, Licensed Ministers 1.

Johnnie Burnham, Mod.
Eugene Brown, Clerk

Guiding Light F. W. B. Church, Pell City, Ala. — Delegates, Bro. Jones, Guy Mitchell, Wayman Carlisle, Sister Hattie Owens, Lulla Carlisle, Bertha Fisher, and Granny Callahan. Our statistics are as follows: State of religion good. Members received this year 10. Loss by death 1. Present membership 112. Prayer meeting good. Expended for Pastor \$317.00, Evangelist \$50.00, Building and repair, \$296.82, Heat and lights \$64.00, Home Missions \$68.00, Orphanage \$86.37, total \$582.04. Sabbath School good, average number of pupils 80, officers 2, teachers 4, Sunday School spent for flowers and other items \$32.00. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$5.00, Total \$10.00. We have called Rev. W. C. Patterson of Pell City, Ala. for our pastor for the coming year. Clerk's name and address W. W. Callahan, Pell City, Ala. Ordained Ministers with us 3.

W. C. Patterson, Moderator
W. W. Callahan, Clerk

First F. W. B. Church of Ragland, Ala. — Delegates, Bro. Thynes Bunt, Sister Bessie Edge and Leona Bagwell. Our statistics as follows: State of Religion good. Received one member by letter this year. Lost 1 member by letter. Present membership 42, Prayer meeting fair. Expended for Pastor \$42.91, Evangelist \$126.31, Building and repairs \$338.08, Heat and lights \$71.41, Orphanage \$33.47, total \$613.08. Condition of Sunday School good, average number of pupils 35, officers 2, teachers 4, cost of Literature \$24.94. Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$28.98, Flowers and other items \$19.00. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00. Value of church property \$6,000.00. We have called Rev. Stanford McDonough of E. Gadsden, Ala. for our pastor for the coming year. Clerk's name and address Mrs. Bessie Edge, Ragland, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 1.

H. A. O'Donnell, Moderator
Mrs. James Davis, Clerk

First F. W. B. Church of Talladega, Ala. — Delegates, Bro. Henry Patterson, Buddy Magouyrt, Bram Horne, Aubrey Bradshaw, and Sister Aubrey Bradshaw. Our statistics as follows: State of religion very good. Members received this year by baptism, 14, letter 7, restoration 2, recommendation 18, total 41. Loss by letter 4, exclusion 4, total loss 8. Present membership 174. Prayer meeting good. Expended for Pastor \$900.00, building and repairs \$650.00, Heat and lights \$61.05, Education \$10.00, radio program \$520.00, insurance and other items \$36.92, total \$2,177.97. Condition of Sunday School good, average number of pupils 100, teachers 5, officers 2, cost of literature \$91.75. Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$59.50, Flowers and other items \$89.55. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$10.00, total \$15.00. Value of Church properties \$6,000.00. We have called Rev. Leroy Smith, of Pell City, Ala. for our pastor for the coming year. Clerk's name and address, Miss Beatrice Jones, Route 1, Munford, Ala. Number of ordained ministers 6, Licensed ministers 1.

Leroy Smith, Moderator
Beatrice Jones, Clerk

First F. W. B. Church of Alabama City, Ala. — Delegates, Bro. G. I. Riley, M. L. Harris, and U. U. Lambert. Our statistics as follows: Members received this year by Letter 1, statement 4, total 5. Loss by Letter 1, total 1. Present membership 66. Prayer meeting good. Expended for Pastor \$473.00, Evangelist \$40.00, Heat and Lights \$49.97, Education \$8.39, Paving \$44.45, total \$799.07. Condition of Sunday School good, average number of pupils 40, officers 1, teachers 4, cost of literature \$25.91. Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$58.06, Flowers and other items \$23.52. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$5.00, total \$10.00. Value of Church properties \$6,000.00. We have called Rev. J. E. Self, of Alabama City, Ala. for pastor for the coming year. Clerk's name and address U. U. Lambert, 1310 Walnut St. Gadsden, Ala. No. ordained ministers 6, Licensed ministers 1.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Moderator
U. U. Lambert, Clerk

Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church of Ashville, Ala. — Delegates, Bro. H. D. O'Donnell, Sister Lillia Mae Bishop, and Lily Bishop. State of religion fair. Members lost by Letter 2, total 2. Present membership 35. Expended for Pastor \$233.65, Evangelist \$65.00, Building and repair \$12.00, Heat and Lights \$46.32, Bible College \$10.00, Foreign Missions \$10.00, Other Items \$28.00, Orphanage \$124.98, total \$525.95. Condition of Sunday School fair, average number of pupils 30, officers 2, teachers

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4, cost of literature \$22.00. Enclosed for Entrance Fee \$5.00, Minutes \$3.00, total \$8.00. Value of Church properties \$5,000.00. We have called Rev. H. A. O'Donnell for pastor for the coming year. Clerk's name and address, Chester O'Donnell, R. 1, Ashville, Ala. Number of ordained Ministers 4, Licensed Ministers 1.

Alfred Ledlow, Moderator
Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

The 20th session of the Minister's Conference met with Guiding Light Church, Friday night, September 24, 1954. The house called to order by the Clerk. Moderator, Johnnie Burnham, took charge reading Acts 2: 42-47, prayer by Leroy Smith. Motion carried to elect officers for this session. Moderator, C. L. Carlisle, Assistant Moderator, Marvin Wyatt, moved, tarried to retain Chester O'Donnell as Clerk. The roll was called with 18 answering present, and 8 by letter. Moved, carried to ask the Association to grant a life time certificate of standing to the ministers of this Association who are too old and too feeble to report in person. Motion carried that we drop Rev. Oneil Morris, E. T. Nicholson, C. L. Fiench, Roy O'Donnell from our roll as they have joined another Association. That we ask the Association not to grant Bro. N. J. Naler a certificate of standing unless he reports in person or by letter before the close of the Association. Opportunity given for new members. Received J. S. Howell, W. T. Mulligan, and J. M. Spears. They were given the right hand of fellowship. Moved that we stand adjourned till 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

Saturday 12:35 p. m. the house called to order by Moderator. Prayer by H. A. O'Donnell. Motion carried to receive N. J. Naler by letter. Motion carried to receive Bro. Clarence Magouyrk's letter and notify him that his presence is necessary to join the Minister's conference. Motion carried to stand adjourned till Friday night before the Fourth Sunday in September 1955.

Will Hollis, Oak Ridge, Alabama
Leroy Smith, Pell City, Alabama
Clarence O'Donnell, Ashville, Alabama
J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Alabama
H. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Alabama
C. L. Carlisle, Pell City, Alabama
Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama
W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Alabama
Alfred Ledlow, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama
A. A. Edge, Leeds, Alabama
J. W. Burnham, Pell City, Alabama
Marvin Wyatt, Ragland, Alabama
J. E. Self, Alabama City, Alabama (by letter)
Leonard Mayfield, Talladega, Alabama
S. W. McDonough, 107 Lynwood Av., E. Gadsden, Ala
Floyd C. Barber, Pell City, Alabama
Lurid Williams, R. 2, Attalla, Ala. (by letter)
Millard L. Harris (by letter)
Mark Edge, Ragland, Alabama (by letter)
Cleo Elder, 303 W. Chicago Blvd, Tecumseh, Mich.
(by letter)
Clyde Bishop, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama
Paul J. Stephens, Anniston, Alabama (by letter)

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William B. Chambers, 6147 Kimbark Ave
Chicago, Ill. (by letter)
M. J. Naler, 149 Campbell Ct, E. Gadsden, Ala (letter)
J. F. Barber, Talladega, Alabama
G. C. Willis, Pell City, Alabama

C. L. Carlise, Moderator
Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

The ninth annual session of the Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention convened with Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ashville, Ala. April 24th and 25th, 1954. The session was opened by the Moderator. Prayer by Mark Edge. Scripture reading Matt. 21:28-29, the body was then declared in order for business. The letters were called for. These reported:

First Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Talladega, Ala.: Supt. H. L. Horn, E. Battle St., Talladega, Ala; Sect. Mrs. Ora Humphrey, 408 E. Shaw Ave., Talladega, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist Sunday School of Ragland, Ala.: Supt. James Davis, Ragland, Ala.; Sect. Leoma Bagwell, Ragland, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist Sunday School of Alabama City, Ala.: Supt. Jack Kirk, Turrentine Ave., Gadsden Ala.; Sect. Sister Annie Atkins, Route 1, Alabama City, Ala.

Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.: Supt. Alfred O'Donnell, Steele, Ala; Sect. Martell O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Sunday School of E. Gadsden, Ala.: Supt. M. J. Naler, 149 Campbell Court, E. Gadsden, Ala., Sect. Patricia Bishop, Route 1, Attalla, Ala.

Friendship Free Will Baptist Sunday School of Pell City, Ala.: Supt. Ben Howard, Pell City, Ala. Sect. W. M. Mulligan, Pell City, Ala.

A partial report of Executive Committee was given and adopted. Motion carried to elect officers at this time. President Calvin Barber; Vice-President Johnnie Burnham; Sec.-Treas. Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.; Assistant Sec.-Treas. M. L. Harris; Field Evangelist Paul Davis, Pell City, Ala.; Assistant Field Evangelist Bran Horne, Route 3, Talladega, Ala. Executive Board — Will Jackson, 1 year; Robert Sanders, 2 years; Mark Edge, 3 years. Motion carried to continue the Youth Camp Board as long as there is a Sunday School Convention in Liberty No. 2 Association; one member to be elected each year and serve for 5 years. Mark Edge, 1 year; M. J. Naler, 2 years; D. J. O'Donnell, 4 years; James Solly, 5 years. Motion carried to elect Delegate to the Sunday School Convention. A. W. Wolfe was elected. Alternate Delegate M. J. Naler. Motion carried to pay delegate's expenses to State Convention.

Report of youth camp and Sunday School Convention read and adopted.

Final report of Executive Committee read and adopted.

Motion carried to start service at 9:45 Sunday Morning.

First Free Will Baptist Church ask for and received the next session of the Sunday School Convention, to be held in April 1955. Beginning at 2 P. M. Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April.

Report of Executive Committee: The committee met in a called session at Pleasant Grove Church, Saturday January 30, 1954 for the purpose of selecting teachers for four classes and a speaker for the eleven o'clock hour Sunday for the Sunday School Convention. Adult Class — D. J. O'Donnell; Senior — Mrs. Herman Dollar; Intermediate — J. F. Barber; Card Class — Granny Callahan; Rev. W. H. Ryland to preach at eleven o'clock. By letter we agreed to give \$50.00 of Sunday School money to youth camp fund.

Chester O'Donnell, Sec.

Treasurers report of Sunday School Convention:

Brought forward	\$50.75
Entrance Fee 1953	25.00
Total in treasury	75.75
Spent in 1953:	
Entrance Fee to State Sunday School Convention	\$7.50
Delegate Expenses	13.00
Youth Camp	50.00
Stamps and paper35
Total spent	70.85
Balance in treasury	4.90

Report of Youth Camp treasurer:

Brought forward from 1952	\$315.03
Collected	653.62
Borrowed	600.00
Total	\$1,568.65
Spent in 1953:	
For Camp Ground	\$1,500.00
Paid on debt	65.00
Total spent	\$1,565.00
Balance in treasury	\$3.65
Balance owe on debt	\$535.00

Report of Evangelist read and adopted.

Minutes read and adopted.

Motion carried that the Business part of this session stand adjourned to meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, Ala Saturday evening before the fourth Sunday in April 1955.

Sunday morning service began with Bro. Clyde Bishop leading the singing, Calvin Barber then took charge. Prayer by Alfred Ledlow. The reading of the Sunday School lesson; the teachers then took charge of their classes. There were 127 present with \$7.50 offering. Rev. W. H. Ryland read II Cor. 6:2, and brought us a good message. Bro. Barker told us about the land they had bought for the Children's home; an offering of \$95.00 was taken to help pay for it. Dismiss for lunch by Ben Howard.

Lunch was served by the good ladies of the church and was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Carl O'Donnell led the singing for the evening service. Bro. Calvin Barber took charge. Altar prayer led by Bro. Sanders. Scripture lesson James 4:5-15. A rising vote of thanks was given to the out going officers, the teachers and the speaker for the Convention. At this time the programs were given. Guiding Light, Friendship, and Pleasant Grove each put on a short program.

S. W. McDonough, President

Chester O'Donnell, Sec.

BY - LAWS

We wish to remind each Sunday School that we are to pay 15% of all the Sunday School money to the YOUTH CAMP TREASURER.

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 and deacons with the superintendent 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 "Sister 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 Sunday School send \$5.00 Entrance Fee. 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 work and the building of Christian character among the members of the Liberty Association No. 2 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 I. This organization shall be composed and known as the Sunday School and League Convention of Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist.

Article II. This Convention shall be composed of regularly organized Sunday Schools and Leagues within the bounds of said Association and shall meet at 2 p. m. Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April of each year and continue through Sunday. 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 and annual sessions and also 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. Unless he is too old or too feeble to attend — then he, as a Free Will Baptist Minister, receives a life time certificate of standing.

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 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 minister's 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 the 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 benovolent 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. **Perserverance.** 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; 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, Judgement 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.

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 "prove 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 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.