

**Liberty No. 2 Association
of Alabama**

OF THE ORIGINAL

Free Will Baptist Church

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**TWENTY—SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION**

Held With

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oakridge, Alabama

September 23rd and 24th, 1955

Rev. J. W. Burnham — Moderator

Rev. H. A. O'Donnell — Assistant Moderator

Chester O'Donnell — Clerk

U. U. Lambert — Assistant Clerk

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The next session will be held with
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF RAGLAND

Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday
in September, 1956 — Beginning at 9 A. M.

The 11th Session of the Sunday School Convention meets
with the Ragland Church at 2 P. M. on Saturday
before the 4th Sunday in April, 1956

PROCEEDINGS

The 22nd annual session of the Liberty No. 2 Association met Sept. 23-24, 1955, with Friendship Church Oak Ridge (Pell City), Ala.

The session open with singing led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle.

The clerk called the house to order at 9:15 A. M. Friday morning. The Moderator, Rev. F. C. Barber took charge reading Psa. 84:9-12. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Windsor.

Call for the Church Letters; Pleasant Grove — Route 1, Ashville, Ala.; Trinity — East Gadsden, Ala.; Friendship — Oak Ridge, (Pell City) Ala.; First Church — Wattsville, Ala.; First Church — Ragland, Ala.; First Church — Alabama City, Ala.; First Church — Talladega, Ala.; Guiding Light — Route 1, Pell City, Ala.; and First District Quarterly meeting.

Letter Received and delegates seated. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, W. W. Callahan, and Sam Kemberly were added to the Credential Committee.

Moved and carried to elect Association Officers at this time: Moderator — Rev. J. W. Burnham; Assistant Moderator — Herman O'Donnell; Clerk — Rev. Chester O'Donnell; Assisant Clerk — Bro. U. U. Lambert.

Rev. W. H. Ryland was given a rising vote of thanks for his good work at the Children's Home.

Committees appointed:

Devotional — Bro. J. L. Franklin, Cecil Magouyrk, Sister Nettie Green.
Business — Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Alfred Ledlow, Bro. Robert Simon, H. F. Bishop, G. I. Riley.

Family Religion — Rev. J. E. Self, Leroy Smith, Sister Granny Callahan.

Temperance — Rev. F. C. Barber, A. A. Edge, Bro. W. W. Callahan.

Auditing — Bro. Paul Divis, D. J. O'Donnell, Robert Burnham.

Organizing — Rev. W. C. Patterson Chr. 1 yr., S. W. McDonough 2 yrs., Leroy Smith 3 yrs., Bro. Paul Davis 4 yrs., Sam Kemberly 5 yrs.

Deceased — Sister Hattie Owens, Ruby Davis, Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

Resolution — Bro. Sam Kimberly, H. D. O'Donnell, Sister Pearl Tucker.

Literature — Rev. F. C. Barber, Bro. H. D. O'Donnell, Sister Hattie Owens.

Education — Rev. M. J. Naler, A. A. Edge, J. S. Howell.

Sabbath School — Bro. W. W. Callahan, J. L. Franklin, Rev. J. T. Windsor.

Ministerial Standing — Bro. Cecil Magouyrk, Sam Kimberly, J. L. Franklin, D. J. O'Donnell, Hubert Ledlow.

Home Mission — Bro. H. E. White Chr. and Treasurer 1 yr., Herman Dollar 2 yr., J. L. Franklin 3 yr.

Executive Committee — Rev. J. T. Windsor Chr. 1 yr., H. A. O'Donnell 2 yrs., W. C. Patterson 3 yrs.

1956 Credential Committee — Rev. J. T. Windsor, Bro. Cecil Magouyrk, W. W. Callahan, D. J. O'Donnell, S. A. Mertz.

Rev. W. H. Ryland was given a few minutes at this time to tell us about the Children's Home.

Rev. J. T. Windsor preached at the 11 o'clock hour, reading Gen. 35:1. Prayer by Sister Hattie Owens. Text — "Let us arise and go to Bethel". Dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

After a good lunch served by the ladies of the Church, we assembled back in the Church at 1:15 P. M. Rev. J. W. Burnham leading the singing. Scripture reading, Isa. 55:1-3. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Patterson.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Credential — All letters in order, adopted.

Devotional — Rev. J. T. Windsor to preach Friday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. Charlie Carlisle Friday night, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. F. C. Barber to preach Saturday night with Bro. Sam Kimberly leading the devotional. Adopted.

Business — Moved, carried to receive report and take up the business item by item.

We your business committee present the following items for your consideration:

1. Hubert Ledlow be questioned and if found worthy ordain him a deacon for Wattsville Church. Adopted.

2. Clarence (Buddy) Magouyrk be questioned and if found worthy ordain him to the full Gospel ministry, Talladega Church. Adopted.

3. M. J. Naler be called in question and if found worthy ordain him to the full Gospel ministry. Adopted.

4. That we commend the Quarterly meeting for their good report, with the exception of preventing the ordained personal from being standing delegates. Adopted.

5. That the 1956 session meet with the Ragland Church, as they ask for it. Adopted.

6. That we give the good sisters of this Church and this community a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for preparing and serving the good meals. Adopted.

7. That we grant the Printing Co. to print their ad as requested in our minutes for the sum of \$5.00. Adopted.

8. That the Moderator appoint all standing committee, and other committee. Adopted.

9. That we either make proper provision for the support and care for the field Evangelist, or not elect one.

Amended. That we elect a field Evangelist and make proper provision. Adopted.

10. That each Church pay into the home mission treasure immediately following the close of this session the sum of \$10.00 to be held in reserve for the care and expenses of the field Evangelist, and pay \$10.00 per week during the progress of a revival conducted by him (where there is no church). Adopted.

11. That the Association pay \$20.00 to the home mission treasurer and each Church send \$10.00 to each session of the Quarterly Meeting and Association. This will amount to about \$400.00 a year for the Evangelist work. Rejected.

12. That this body pay one-half of expenses of revival conducted by Rev. F. C. Barber, and Rev. S. W. McDonough, and the Sunday School Convention be called on to pay the other half. Adopted.

13. That we pay D. J. O'Donnell \$30.00 expenses to National Association. Adopted.

14. That a committee of three (3) ministers be appointed by the Moderator to deal with the five (5) ministers who failed to report to the ministers conference. Adopted. Committee — Rev. C. L. Carlisle, H. A. O'Donnell, M. J. Naler.

Family Religion — We recommend that all homes teach the Bible to their children, and that God is real. Reprint of 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 service everywhere and at all times holding Him supreme above all the earth." Adopted.

Temperance — Be temperate in all things. Luke 21:34, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." James 1:26, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Eph. 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, where in is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Adopted.

Organizing — No report.

Deceased — We of the deceased committee acknowledged the passing of the following members. Bro Roland Campbell, Wattsville Church. Bro. Bobby Southern, Guiding Light Church. Bro. Howard Adams, Friendship Church. Adopted.

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 where we have no churches. 4. That we work together in one mind and one accord. Adopted.

Literature — We recommend that literature on religion that is not in accord with the Bible be kept out of homes. We should encourage our children to read a portion of the Bible every day. Adopted.

Education — We, the committee, recommend that the parent teach their children to say Grace before each meal, and teach them all the commandments of God, and all that are old enough to read, to read a portion of God's Word daily. Adopted.

Sabbath School — We recommend a reprint of the 1954 report. "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 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." Adopted.

Ministerial Standing — We your committee request that these five (5) men be given ample time to give reason for not reporting to receive their Certificate of Standing: Lurid Williams, Cleo Elders, P. J. Stevens, Jim Spears, W. B. Chambers. We recommend a committee to deal with them and give them until Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October to report. We recommend that each Minister that reported receive a certificate of standing. Adopted.

Home Missions —

In treasury September 1954	\$ 259.56
Received in 1955	101.55
Total	361.11
Paid out in 1955	149.17
Balance in treasury Sept. 1955	\$211.94

Calvin Barber, Treasurer

Adopted.

Executive — No report.

Treasurer's Report —

General Fund: Brought forward from 1953	\$ 1.37
Entrance Fee	45.00
1st. District Quarterly Meeting	63.00
Total	109.37
Spent:	
Clerk	\$ 10.00
S. W. McDonough	29.45
J. W. Burnham	12.00
State Association	20.00
Typing Paper, Stamps	4.15
Total	75.60
Balance in General Fund Sept. 1, 1955	\$33.77
Received for Minutes	\$48.40
Spent for Minutes	46.84
Balance	1.56

Ordaining Council — We have examined the Brethren and find them sound in the Bible, and recommend them to be ordained. Clarence Magouyrk and M. J. Naler to the ministry, Hubert Ledlow as a deacon. Adopted. The council ordained them by Prayer and Laying on of the Hands. Charge given by Rev. J. T. Windsor.

Report of Delegate to State Association. We wish that each Minister and deacon would attend the State Association. It would be a great help to them and to our local Association. My expenses were paid by Rev. R. P. Ritch, Chester O'Donnell, and Bro. D. J. O'Donnell.

Rev. F. C. Barber, Delegate

Adopted.

Report of Delegate to National Association — Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Delegate.

The 19th Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptist met in the Will Rogers Auditorium at Tulsa, Okla., July 12, 1955. Rev.

Louis Moulton, delivered a wonderful message, "Three Minutes To Midnight." Scripture Eph. 5:16. Wednesday morning the General Board made their report. At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. Burkette Raper brought a wonderful message. At two o'clock the Nominating Committee made their report, and all board members were elected by the body. At 2:30 Rev. Fred Rivenbark brought a wonderful message. Rev. Ralph Staten preached Wednesday night. There was a record attendance at this session, some 1500 delegates registered from 11 states, Cuba, and India. The 20th session will meet at Huntington, W. Va. in July 1956. Rev. Charles Thipgin, Moderator. George Wagoner, Clerk.

Friday Night Ministers Conference, after which the Rev. C. L. Carlisle preached, Scripture: John 11:32-36, 1 Cor. 13:13, "Love". An offering of \$25.58 was taken for the Children's Home.

Saturday A. M. — The house came to order at 9:20. Scripture reading II Cor. 9:6, prayer by Rev. M. J. Naler from Trinity church.

Carried that we accept report of Friendship Ladies Aid and print same in minutes.

Following a good song service and prayer, the eleven o'clock hour was given to Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Scripture Gen. 13, "Strife."

Dismissed for lunch to be back at 1:10, by Carlos Hollis.

Saturday P. M. — Rev. Alfred Ledlow led the prayer.

Carried to elect a three year man on the Executive Board. Rev. W. C. Patterson, elected.

Carried to elect a three year man on the Home Mission Board. Bro. J. L. Franklin elected.

Carried to elect a five year man to the organizing council. Bro. Sam Kinberly elected.

Motion carried to be represented at the State Association.

Motion carried to represent by one delegate. Rev. Alfred Ledlow elected.

Rev. J. T. Windsor was elected Field Evangelist for the year 1955-56.

Ordaining Council — Rev. J. T. Windsor, A. A. Edge, Leonard Mayfield, Alfred Ledlow, Bro. Paul Davis.

Motion carried that minutes be approved with proper amendments.

Motion carried that the Business part of this Association stand adjourned to meet with Ragland Church Friday Morning at 9 o'clock before the fourth Sunday in September, 1956.

Rev. J. W. Burnham, Moderator
Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

Friendship Free Will Baptist Ladies Aid — Our report for the Associational year. We have 10 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. Selling shampoo, deo, flavoring. Sold sandwiches to build up our treasure. We quilted quilts and sold them. Also quilt for other people. We have a building fund to help build us a new Church. We now have \$223.16 in the building fund. We have payed out \$179.81 this year. We have a balance of \$149.56 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 others.

Friendship Ladies Aid

CHURCH LETTERS

Pleasant Grove Church, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1. Delegates Bro. H. D. O'Donnell, H. F. Bishop, Sister Lillia Mae Bishop, Estell O'Donnell. Membership, active 28, inactive 18, total 46. Loss, 1. Present Membership 45. Expended: Pastor, \$247.32; Evangelist, \$54.00; Lights, \$12.00; Youth Camp, \$13.50; Foreign Missions, \$100.00; Unified Program, \$7.00; Other Items, \$45.55; Orphanage, \$136.82; Total \$616.19; Sunday School: Number of pupils 35; Average 35; Teachers 4; Officers 2; Cost of Literature \$20.00. Enclosed for: Entrance Fee \$5.00; Minutes \$5.00; Total enclosed \$10.00. Value of Church properties \$5,000.00. We have called Rev. F. C. Barber of Pell City, Ala., for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville Ala. Number of ordained Ministers 4, Herman O'Donnell, Clarence O'Donnell, Chester O'Donnell, Clyde Bishop.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Talladega, Ala. Delegates: Bro. Ernest Stancell, William Jarvis, Cecil Magouyrk, Bro. Wilson, Sister Betty Stancell, Lorene Barber; Members received this year 9; Loss 2; Present Membership 100. Expended: Pastor \$960.00; Building and repairs \$161.05; Heat and light \$79. 81; Insurance and other items \$36.72; Sunday School: Average number of pupils 100; Officers 2; Teachers 5; cost of Literature \$100.00; Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$122.75; Flowers and other items \$50.00. Enclosed for: Entrance fee \$5.00; Minutes \$5.00; total enclosed \$10.00. Value of Church properties \$6,000.00. We have called Rev. Leroy Smith of Pell City, Ala. for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: William Jarvis, 301 E. Battle St., Talladega. Number of ordained Ministers 5. Licensed Ministers 2.

Guiding Light Church, Pell City, Ala. Rt. 1. Delegates: Bro. Buddy Tucker, J. W. Jones, and Jimmie Callahan and Sis. Hattie Owens, Granny Callahan. Members received this year 2. Loss 5. Expended: Pastor \$350.00; Building and repair \$154.04; Heat and lights \$257.44; Orphanage \$64.11; Total \$414.11; Sunday School: Average number of pupils 70; Officers 2; Teachers 4; Cost of Literature \$45.52. Enclosed for: Entrance Fee \$5.00; Minutes \$5.00; Total enclosed \$10.00. Value of Church properties \$2,500.00. We have called Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala. for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: Wayman Carlisle, 409 30th St. N. Pell City, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 3.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Alabama City, Ala. Delegates: Bro. G. I. Riley, S. A. Mertz, Nettie Green, Alt. Sis. Sperlen. Members received this year 7; Loss 1; Present membership 85; Expended: Pastor \$454.50; Evangelist \$198.00; Building and repairs \$310.51; Heat and lights \$50.00; Street paving \$73.33; Total \$1,086.34; Sunday School: Average number of pupils 60; Officers 2; Teachers 4; Cost of literature

\$30.11; Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$85.90; Flowers and other items \$28.88; Enclosed for: Entrance fee \$5.00; Minutes \$5.00; total enclosed \$10.00. Value of Church properties \$6,000.00. We have called Rev. James E. Self, 1117 Dwight Ave., Alabama City, Ala. for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: U. U. Lambert, 1310 Walnut St., Gadsden, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 6; Licensed Ministers 2.

Trinity Church, E. Gadsden, Ala. Delegates: Bro. M. J. Naler and Dennis Parham; Membership Loss 2; Present Membership 18; Expended: Pastor \$240.00; Building and repairs \$112.84; Heat and lights \$50.15; Insurance and other items \$62.31; Total \$465.30; Sunday School: Average number of pupils 22; Officers 2; Teachers 4; Cost of literature \$21.40; Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$31.00; Flowers and other items \$23.56; Enclosed for: Entrance fee \$5.00; Total enclosed \$5.00. Value of Church properties \$4,000.00. We have called Rev. M. J. Naler of Gadsden, Ala. for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: Rev. S. W. McDonough, 107 Lynwood Ave., E. Gadsden, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 1; Licensed Ministers 2.

Friendship Church Oak Ridge (Pell City), Ala. Delegates: Bro. Carlos Hollis, J. L. Franklin, Robert Burnham, Robert Simon, and Dillard Shirley. Members received this year 3; Loss 5; Present Membership 145; Expended: Pastor \$640.00; Evangelist \$100.00; Visiting preachers \$80.00; Heat and light \$112.24; Insurance and other items \$214.52; Orphanage \$139.71; Total \$1,304.47. Sunday School: Average number of pupils 64; Number of pupils 64; Officers 2; Teachers 5; Cost of literature \$82.84; Flowers and other items \$148.79; Enclosed for: Entrance fee \$5.00; Minutes \$13.00; Total enclosed \$18.00. Value of Church properties \$10,000.00. We have called Rev. John W. Burnham of Pell City, Ala. for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: Woodrow Spicer, 210 No. 21st St. Pell City, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 6; Licensed 1.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Wattsville, Ala. Delegates: Bro. Brown Willingham, J. B. Tims, Shorty Tollison. Members received this year 12; Loss 1; Present membership 48; Expended: Pastor \$125.07; Evangelist \$66.19; Building and repairs \$58.79; Heat and lights \$44.91; Total \$466.92; Sunday School: Average number of pupils 40; Teachers 4; Officers 2; Flowers and other items \$171.96; Enclosed for: Entrance Fee \$5.00; Minutes \$5.00; Total enclosed \$10.00; Value of Church properties \$2,000.00. We have called Rev. Clyde Willis of Pell City, Ala. for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: J. B. Tims, Wattsville, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 3.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Ragland, Ala. Delegates: Bro. Bunt, Sister Ruby Davis, Pearl Tucker. Alternate: Bro. Wolf. Present membership 41; Expended: Pastor \$156.69; Evangelist \$116.30; Building and repair \$24.11; Heat and lights \$70.03; Publications \$5.00; Insurance and other items \$57.96; Orphanage \$42.24; Home Missions \$5.00; Total \$477.33; Sunday School: Average number of pupils 28; Officers 2; Teachers 4; Cost of literature \$49.06; Sunday School offering to Orphanage \$27.51; Flowers and other items \$5.15; Enclosed for: Entrance fee \$5.00; Minutes \$5.00; Total enclosed \$10.00. Value of Church properties \$6,000.00. We have called Rev. F. C. Barber of Pell City, Ala. for our pastor for the ensuing year. Clerk's name and address: Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Ragland, Ala. Number ordained Ministers 2.

First District Quarterly Meeting. Delegate: Bro. U. U. Lambert. Entrance Fee \$5.00.

October 30, 1954, the 63rd session of the First District Quarterly Meeting convened with Guiding Light Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala.

Motion carried to reduce entrance fee from \$7.50 to \$5.00. Rev. L. Horn and Aubrey Bradshaw licensed to preach. Rev. Clyde Bishop ordained to the Ministry. Motion carried to have churches record on their letters the number of members on roll. Rev. J. F. Barber, Moderator.

January 29, 1955, the 64th session meet with the West End Church of Talladega.

Exchanged Licenses with Rev. Jessie Coffee, from Primitive Baptist Free Will. Ordaining Council visited Guiding Light Church the First Sunday in February to ordain Bro. Forrest Finch a deacon. Recommended that a delegate from each church take notes and report back to their church all business enacted. Bro. James Solley ordained a deacon. Recommended that all churches send money instead of checks for entrance fee. Motion carried to rescind the act that ordained men be standing delegates. Rev. F. C. Barber, Moderator.

July 30, 1955, the 66th session met with Friendship church of Oak Ridge, Ala. Offering received for Youth Camp \$46.00. This paid the indebtedness off in full. An auditing an Credentials Committee combined elected consisting of five men (5) men, Bro. John W. Burnham, Chr.; Paul Davis, Calvin Barber, Herman Dollar, Alfred O'Donnell, to serve for one year. Their duties are as follows: Examine Letters before clerk reads them to body; Prepare two copies of delegates from each church, one for Moderator, one for clerk; Auditing to examine books of Quarterly Meeting Treasurer. Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Moderator, U. U. Lambert, Clerk.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The 21st Session of the Minister's Conference met with Friendship church, Friday night, September 23rd. After some good songs the House was called to order for business by the clerk. The Moderator, Rev. J. W. Burnham, took charge reading Psalm 15. Prayer by Rev. S. W. McDonough.

Motion carried to elect officers for this session. Moderator, Rev. W. C. Patterson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. F. Barber; Clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell; Assistant Clerk, Rev. C. L. Carlisle. Roll call, 19 present, 4 by letter, 6 didn't answer. Motion carried to grant Rev. M. L. Harris a certificate of standing. He was sick and couldn't come. Three (3) Ministers testified in his behalf. Because Lurid Williams, Cleo Elder, P. J. Stephens, William B. Chambers, and J. M. Spears did not report their names were dropped from the roll.

Opportunity given for members, Rev. Paul Mayfield and Clarence Magouyrk were received into the body. The minutes were read and adopted. Moved to stand adjourned till Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1956. Rev. W. C. Patterson, Moderator, Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk.

Will Hollis, Oak Ridge, Ala.
 Leroy Smith, Pell City, Ala., (letter)
 Clarence O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.
 J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala.
 H. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.
 C. L. Carlisle, Pell City, Ala.
 Chester O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.
 W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala.
 Alfred Ledlow, Ashville, Ala.
 A. A. Edge, Leeds, Ala.
 J. W. Burnham, Pell City, Ala.
 Marvin Wyatt, Ragland, Ala.
 J. E. Self, 1117 Dwight Ave., Alabama City, Ala. (letter)
 Leonard Mayfield, Talladega, Ala.
 S. W. McDonough, 107 Lynwood Ape., E. Godsden, Ala.
 Floyd C. Barber, P. O. Box 597, Pell City, Ala.
 Millard L. Harris, 419 N. 24th St., Alabama City, Ala. (sick)
 Mark Edge, Ragland, Ala.
 Clyde Bishop, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala.
 M. J. Naler, Ave. C., Gadsded, Ala. (letter)
 J. F. Barber, Talladega, Ala.
 G. C. Willis, Pell City, Ala.
 J. S. Howell, Talladega, Ala.
 W. T. Mulligan (letter)
 Paul Mayfield (joined)
 Clarence Magouyrk, Talladega, Ala. (joined)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 10th session of the Liberty No. 2, Sunday School Convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, Ala., April 23-24, 1955. The session was opened by the President, Calvin Barber. Prayer by Rev. S. W. McDonough. Scripture Rev. 22:5-17. Letters called for, read and adopted. Motion carried to get a business committee—Cecil Magouyrk, Chr., S. W. McDonough, John W. Burnham, James Davis, James E. Self.

Motion carried to go into election of officers, President, Calvin Barber, Vice President, J. T. Windsor.

Motion carried to retain present Secretary and Treasurer, Chester O'Donnell. Also the assistant, M. L. Harris. Rev. S. W. McDonough was elected field worker with the privilege to choose his assistant. Paul Davis was chosen. Dillard Shirley was put on the Executive Board for three (3) years. J. W. Burnham was put on the youth camp board for five (5) years.

Motion carried to send one delegate to State Convention and chair appoint him. Cecil Magouyrk appointed.

Report of Business Committee. We, your business committee, report the following for your consideration.

1. That an offering be taken today and tomorrow. Adopted.
2. That this body donate \$25.00 from their treasury to Youth Camp fund. Adopted.
3. That the Youth Camp committee go see Bro. Hewitt about his other property. Adopted.
4. That the clerk pay the delegate expenses in advance. Adopted.

Report of Youth Camp and Convention treasurer:**Youth Camp:**

In treasury April 24th, 1954 \$ 3.65
Received April 24th, 1954 249.48

Total \$253.13

Paid on debt on Camp Ground — \$253.13. We owe a balance of \$281.87

In treasury April 23, 1955 0.00

Convention:

In treasury April 24th, 1954 \$ 4.90

Dues and offerings 1954 38.10

Total 43.00

Spent 26.37

Balance in treasury April 23, 1955 \$ 16.63

Report of Executive Board. We, the Executive Board, met once for the purpose of selecting teachers and a preacher for the convention.

Bible Class M. L. Harris

Intermediate James Barber

Junior James Davis

Card Sister Ellen Spicer

Preacher Rev. Clyde Willis

Accepted.

Field Evangelist. Oral report. Accepted.

The 11th session will met with the Ragland Church on Saturday afternoon before the 4th Sunday in April, 1956. Youth Camp offering \$20.30.

Sunday, April 24th. Song service by Carlos Hollis. President asked for an altar prayer led by Rev. Clyde Willis. Scripture lesson, James 4:10-17. Classes arranged and teachers took charge.

Class	Teacher	Attendance	Offering
Bible —	M. L. Harris	33	\$5.13
Intermediate —	James Barber	28	1.87
Junior —	James Davis	10	1.11
Card —	Sister Ellen Spicer	11	.80
Total		82	\$8.91

Secretary's report. We had 45 less pupils this year and \$1.41 more offering this year than last year.

Many good songs were rendered, then Rev. Clyde Willis delivered a good message, Scripture Isa. 26:1-4; Rev. 21:10-14, 25. Dismissed for lunch by James Barber.

Sunday afternoon song service led by Bro. Lambert. President took charge. Prayer by Clarence Magouyrk. Scripture St. John 3:16-17. Several good songs were given at this time. Chester O'Donnell said a few words about the Headquarters building at this time, National. Offering for Youth Camp \$10.44. Devotional by Clarence Magouyrk. Many good testimonies were given. Two poems given by Chester O'Donnell. Programs by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, "Glowing Cross" and "Ladder of Learning." Plans are for a revival at the Youth Camp beginning the 2nd Sunday in September Dismissed by Floyd C. Barber.

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

First Free Will Baptist Sunday School of Alabama City, Ala. Delegates: M. L. Harris, Dewitt White, Betty Atkins, Virginia Stranhan. Superintendent, E. C. Douglas, 1412 Lakefront, Alabama City, Ala. Secretary, Annie Atkins, Rt. 1, Alabama City, Ala.

Ragland Sunday School: Delegates: Sue Meads, Sue Hinds, Sally Alverson, Leona Bagwell. Superintendent, James Davis, Ragland, Ala. Secretary, Mrs. Leona Bagwell, Ragland, Ala.

First Free Will Baptist Sunday School of Talladega: Delegates: Cecil Magouyrk, William Jarvis, Francis Jarvis, Jo Ann Pitts, Joyce Wilder. Superintendent, Bram O. Horne, Rt. 3, Talladega, Ala. Secretary, Mrs. Alice S. Jones, Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala. 560 29th St.

Trinity Sunday School of E. Gadsden, Ala.: Delegates: E. R. Mayo, Patricia Moore, Mary McDonough. Superintendent, E. R. Mayo, Rt. 5, Gadsden, Ala. Secretary, Patricia Moore, 4th St., E. Gadsden, Ala.

Pleasant Grove Sunday School of Ashville, Ala. Rt. 1: Delegates: Mrs. Alfred O'Donnell, Miss Martell O'Donnell, Katie Lou Bishop, Superintendent, Alfred O'Donnell, Steele, Ala. Secretary, Bertie Lou O'Donnell, Steele, Ala.

Friendship Sunday School of Oak Ridge, Ala.: Delegates: Dillard Shirley, Carolyn Wright, Peggy Green, Shirley Pardue, Virginia Simpkins. Superintendent, Paul Davis, Pell City, Ala. Secretary, Robert Simon, Pell City, Ala. (15% of all the Sunday School money is to go to the youth camp treasurer, Chester O' Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala.)

CONSTITUTION

Preamble: In order to strengthen and unify our Christian work and the building of Christian character among the members of the Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist, and to promote and maintain a correspondence with each other in a convention 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 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 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 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 Baptist.

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 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 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.

13. That the Moderator appoint all standing committees and any other committee.

Sunday School Convention Executive Board: Robert Sanders — 1956; Mark Edge — 1957; Dillar Shirley — 1958.

Youth Camp Committee: M. J. Naler — 1956; D. J. O'Donnell — 1957; Alfred O'Donnell — 1958; James Solly — 1959; John W. Burnham — 1960.

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 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 shall send \$5.00 entrance fee. 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.

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. Psalm 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: I. 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. Continuation in faith and obedience until death. II Cor. 7:10; Prov. 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 24:17.
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. Preserverance. 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; Exodus 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.

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.