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**FRIDAY MORNING—SEPTEMBER 20, 1957**

The 24th Annual Session of the Liberty No. 2 Association met September 20, 21, 1957 with the First Freewill Baptist Church at Talladega, Ala.

The Session opened with singing led by Rev. Johnnie Burnham "I Am Thine O Lord and Love Lifted Me."

The clerk called the house to order at 9:25 A. M. Friday morning. Rev. Leroy Smith took charge as the moderator nor assistant moderator was not present. Rev. Smith read the 67th Psalm, then Rev. Johnnie Burnham led in prayer.

Brother Hamilton O'Donnel and Rev. F. C. Barber were appointed on the Credentials Committee in the absence of Rev. J. E. Self and Rev. W. B. Hollis.

Rev. E. R. Mayo led two songs at this time "Old Time Power" and "He Will Wipe All Tears Away."

Credential Committee Report:

Motion carried to accept the report. See reports

Motion carried to read the letters. Motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to elect officers for the coming year. Rev. F. C. Barber elected Moderator, Rev. E. R. Mayo elected Assistant Moderator, Paul R. Davis elected Clerk, Treas., Rev. Robert Sanders elected Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

Appointment of Committees:

1. AUDITING—Rev. Chester O'Donnel, Rev. S. W. McDonough, Hamilton O'Donnel

2. BUSINESS—Rev. W. C. Patterson Rev. M. A. O'Donnel, Rev. J. T. Windsor, Rev. M. I. Harris and Rev. S. W. McDonough

3. CREDENTIAL (1958)—Rev. Lurid Williams, Bro. Robert Simon, and Sister Harvey Wills.

4. DECEASED—Sis. Pearl O'Donnel, Rev. M. A. O'Donnel, and Sister Susie Pardue.

5. DEVOTIONAL—Bro. D. J. O'Donnel, Sister Mamie Windsor, Sis. Nettie Green, Sister Essie Dollar, Sis. Josie (Granny) Callaman.

6. EDUCATION—Rev. A. A. Bradshaw, Rev. J. T. Windsor, and Rev. Chester O'Donnel

7. EXECUTIVE BOARD—Rev. W. C. Patterson, 1 year, Rev. C. L. Carlisle, 2 year, Rev. E. R. Mayo, 3 year.

8. FAMILY RELIGION—Sister Hattie Owens Bro. M. A. Matson, Rev. James Barber.

9. HOME MISSION BOARD—Bro. J. L. Branklin, 1 year, Bro. J. W. Jones, 2 year, Bro. Robert Simon, 3 year.

10. LITERATURE—Bro. Leslie Powell, Sister Essie Dollar, Sister Pearl O'Donnel.

11. MINISTERIAL STANDING—Bro. D. J. O'Donnel, Bro. Robert Simon, Bro. Herman Dollar.

12. ORDAINING COUNCIL—Rev. Johnnie Burnham, Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Rev. J. J. Coffee.

13. ORGANIZING COUNCIL—Rev. Leroy Smith, 1 year, Paul Davis, 2 year, Sam Kimberly, 3 year, Rev. Johnnie Burnham, 4 year, Rev. J. T. Windsor, 5 year.

14. RESOLUTION—Sister Susie Pardue, Sister Harvey Wells, Sister Hattie Owens.

15. SABBATH SCHOOL—Sis. Mamie Windsor, Sister Pearl O'Donnel Sister (Granny) Callahan.

16. TEMPERANCE—Rev. S. W. McDonough, Rev. M. L. Harris, Bro. Leslie Powell.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow placed on the Credential Committee, Rev. F. C. Barber could not serve. He was elected the Moderator.

Sister Harvey Wells sang two specials "When I Prayed Last Night" and "Cross Road of Life".

After a short recess singing was led by Rev. F. C. Barber and Rev. Robert Sanders "When We All Get To Heaven" and "All Alone."

Then Rev. E. R. Mayo brought the 11 o'clock message. Scripture reading Mark 10:17-30.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. C. Patterson for the lunch hour. Body to be back at 1:00 o'clock.

**FRIDAY EVENING**

Services began with singing led by Rev. Robert Sanders, "Coming" and "Old Time Power".

The body called to order at 1:00 o'clock by the clerk. The Moderator took charge reading scripture. St. Luke 15:11-24. Prayer by Rev. Alfred Ledlow. All Committee reports were accepted. See reports.

Quarterly meeting letter read and accepted and the Delegates seated. Two specials by Sister Essie Dollar "That's Him" and "The Prettiest Flowers Will Be Blooming".

Then Bro. Elmer Cowan sang his own composition "Thank You" and sang a duet with Sister "Boots" Watkins, "The Nail Scared Hand."

Then Rev. Johnnie Burnham, Chairman of the Ordaining Council gave the charge to the men being ordained "Ministry Be Not Blamed". 2 Corinthians: 6:1-6.

Prayer by Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

Then the council layed hands on Rev. E. R. Mayo and Rev. James Barber. Rev. Robert Sanders and Rev. A. A. Bradshaw layed hands on Rev. Barber by his request. These men were given a handshake by the body.

An offering was taken for a sick child at this time and it amounted to \$17.52. This was given to Rev. Robert Sanders to carry to the child.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday morning September 21st at 9:00.

Friday night's message by Rev. Hubert Bishop, Scripture reading, Phil. 2:2-7.

**SATURDAY MORNING Sept. 21, 1957**

Services began with singing led by Rev. Johnnie Burnham and Rev. C. L. Carlisle "I'll Fly Away" "I Am Saved" and "Swing Out On the Promises."

House called to order at 9:40 o'clock by the clerk.

The moderator took charge reading the scripture Psalm 1. Led in prayer by Rev. A. A. Bradshaw.

Rev. James Wycoff sang a special "The Heaven of Rest."

The Business committee was strengthened with Rev. James Barber and Bro. D. J. O'Donnel, as Rev. J. T. Windsor and Rev. H. A. O'Donnel were absent.

Sister Essie Dollar sang a special "Too Near Home to Turn Back Now" and "That's Him."

The Moderator was asked to tell what the Executive Board is for. The Executive Board is to take care of any Association business when the Association is not in session.

Rev. Gordon Grayvette dismissed us with prayer for a few minutes recess.

After recess there was singing led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle. "I Love My Saviour" and "I'm Going That Way".

An offering of \$37.00 was taken for the Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala., while singiny. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell spoke on behalf of the home and the offering was increased to \$57.00.



There was no report from the Delegate to the State Association. Rev. Lurid Williams brought the message at 11 o'clock—Scripture reading: Judges 7:4-6. Dismissed for the lunch hour with prayer by Bro. W. W. Callahan.

### SATURDAY EVENING

Services began with singing led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle and Rev. Mayo.

House called to order at 1:35 o'clock. The Moderator taking charge reading the scripture 2 Song of Solomon. Prayer by Rev. Clyde Bishop.

Rev. A. A. Bradshaw placed on the Devotional Committee. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell was working with the Business Committee.

The Moderator ruled that his statement be printed in the minute. "The Moderator"—As the Moderator of this Association I want to personally commend this delegated body for the splendid cooperation that you have given me in this session of the Association. I also would like to personally commend this church and especially the Sisters for the two good lunches and give them a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. F. C. Barber, Moderator

Singing led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle, "O Come Angel Band". Motion carried to read the minutes. Minutes read and accepted with any correction needed.

The Moderator asked the body to accept Bro. Herman Dollar as treasurer of the Home Mission Board if Bro. J. F. Franklin did not accept it. Bro. Franklin being the 1 year member of the Board and was absent from the body.

Ladies of the church given rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality and good lunches while we were with them in this Association.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Pleasant Grove Freewill Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday, before the 4th Sunday in September 1958 at 9:00 o'clock.

Rev. James Barber brought the message Saturday night.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDITING—We your auditing committee have examined the following books: Home Mission and Association Treasurer and find them in order. Home Mission Balance \$344.15. Association Treasurer Balance \$39.99.

Chester O'Donnell "Chr."

BUSINESS—Call in question Rev. James Barber and Rev. E. R. Mayo and if found worthy, ordain them to the full Gospel Ministry. Call in question Rev. James Wycoff and Rev. Hubert Bishop if found worthy grant them ordination papers. Call in question Rev.'s Odell Parrish and Dolphus Gilbreath and if found worthy exchange ordination papers with them. Call in question Bro. Roy Keith and if found worthy exchange Deacon papers with him. Re-issue Deacon's papers to Bro. Coleman Limbough, as he has lost his. Print ladies aid letters of Friendship Church and commend them for their work. Read quarterly meeting letter and their delegate be seated. Recommend that this body add to its Association rulings that its clerk be paid \$15.00 and the Moderator \$10.00 each session. Moderator take an offering for the Childrens Home before this session ends.

Moderator give charge to ordination candidate (did not carry) Continue to use the old forms of ordination and license certificate instead of the new if they can be obtained. Recommend this body elect Field Evangelist (Rev. S. W. McDonough elected) Recimmed this body elect a delegate to the State Association. (Bro. Herman

Dollar elected) Recommend the body call for request for the next session of the Association. (Friendship and Pleasant Grove Requested the next session. Body voted to go to Pleasant Grove.)

We recommend that we carry out the same plan that was supposed to be in operation the past year. That each pastor stress this in his church. The plan that each church pay into the Home Mission Treasurer. Immediately following the close of this session the sum of \$10.00 to be held in reserve for the care expense of the Field Evangelist and pay \$10.00 per week during the progress of a revival conducted by him (where there is no church).

CREDENTIAL—We have examined the letters of the churches and quarterly meeting and found them in order.

DECEASED—We find our deceased members to be: 1st Church, Alabama City, Bro. John Hawkins, Sister Merry McElroy, Sister Ellis and Bro. G. I. Riley; Trinity Church, Bro. Ralph Robertshaw; Talladega Church, Sister Minnie Limbaugh; Guiding Light Church, Sister Ab Thompson; Friendship Church, Bro. Luke Harris. Motion called to stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of our fellow workers.

DEVOTIONAL—Rev. E. R. Mayo message 11:00 o'clock Friday, Rev. Lurid Williams 11:00 Saturday, Rev. Robert Sanders Saturday night message. Rev. Sanders couldn't be present and Rev. James Barber preached in place of him. Sister Hattie Owens, Devotional Saturday night. In her absence Sister Josie (Granny) Callahan was placed on the devotional. Rev. Hubert Bishop preached after the Ministers Conference Friday night.

EDUCATION—We recommend that the parents visit the school and see what the children are being taught. A childs education should begin at home by the parents setting the example. By daily prayer and Bible reading. We recommend that our clerk write a letter to the State Superintendent of Education asking that our teachers read a portion of the King James Bible to the class at the beginning of each day.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—No report.

FAMILY RELIGION—We recommend all homes havealtar prayer at least once a day, and encourage all to take part in God's work. Not only to teach about God in our own homes but to others also. Always holding God supreme above everything.

HOME MISSION—Received from 1956 treasury	299.15
Offering quarterly meeting, Guiding Light Church	25.00
Friendship Church paid	20.00
Pleasant Grove Church paid	20.00
Offering quarterly meeting, Friendship Church	30.29
Total	394.44
Paid Field Evangelist	20.00
Paid moving piano	10.00
Paid moving state tent	20.29
Total	50.29
Balance in Treasury	344.15

LITERATURE—We urge everyone to carefully examine all reading brought into the home and firmly stand against false doctrine so widely spread. We read in Eph. 4:14 that we hence forth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, where by they lie in wait to deceive.

We believe the Bible to be the greatest of all books, and should be taught diligently to the children in the home daily. Proverb 22:6—Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.



**MINISTERIAL STANDING**—All ministers reporting to the ministers conference in person or by letter be given a certificate of standing for the coming year. Those not reporting be dropped from the roll.

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**—Rev. James Wycoff and Rev. Hubert Bishop be given papers, (having already been ordained, that we just questioned). Rev. James Barber and Rev. E. R. Mayo have been questioned and recommend them to be ordained to the full Gospel Ministry. Rev. Parrish and Rev. Gilbreath coming from another denomination have been questioned and found to be in the Faith and Doctrine of the Bible and Free Will Baptist and recommend an exchange of papers.

**ORGANIZING COUNCIL REPORT**—NO report.

**RESOLUTION**—(Used last years report) That we give a rising vote of thanks to this church, its pastor and good ladies for the good food served. Give a rising vote of thanks to each committee for their good work. That we strive faithfully to get our ministers to work where we have no churches—that we work together in one mind and one accord.

**SABBATH SCHOOL**—We truly believe in going to Sunday School and doing everything in our power to get little children to honor the Sabbath Day and to want to go to Sunday School every Sunday.

**TEMPERANCE**—We recommend that this body stress Temperance in all things, as well as in strong drink, remembering always the scripture Matthew 6:1—Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them, otherwise ye have no reward of your father which is in heaven, and 6:4, that thine alms may be in secret: and thy father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

**FIELD EVANGELIST REPORT**—In our work this year we have worked in one mission. We began the 21st of June having prayer services on Friday night. Sunday School and preaching on Sunday. We conducted a revival there (Crudup) the first week in July. Have traveled 1920 miles, spent \$60.00. Received from the Home Mission Board, \$20.00. Quarterly meeting \$30.00 for moving piano and chairs and \$12.00 from other sources, making a total of \$62.00. There were fields asking of services that we were not able to serve because of the lack of funds. The fields are white unto harvest, unless we wake up and do something souls are going to be required at our hands. and what shall our answer be? We can have new churches only if we are willing to pay the price. We will get to heaven only if we endure to the end.

Rev. Chester O'Donnel (Evangelist)

#### CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT:

Received Entrance Fee	40.00
For Minutes	34.50
From 1956 Treas.	144.12
For Childrens Home	21.00
For Rev. A. A. Bradshaw	23.15
Total	262.77

#### PAID OUT

Minutes	45.24
State Association and Delegate Expense	31.00
Charles B. Craddock State Promotional Secretary	75.00
Childrens Home	21.00
Rev. A. A. Bradshaw	23.15
Paper, Envelopes and Postage	2.39
Moderator and Clerk	25.00
Total	222.78
Balance of	39.99

#### CHURCHES AID AND QUARTRLY MEETING LETTERS

**QUARTERLY MEETING LETTER**—We send as delegate to represent us Rev. Robert Sanders. Enclosed with letter, Minute Money \$10.00 and \$5.00 entrance fee, from quarterly meeting treasurer \$53.00, Total \$68.00. We met 3 times the past year—71st Session at Talladega. Seven churches reporting, One absent. Rev. Leanord Mayfield to preach the 11:00 o'clock message, Rev. J. T. Windsor the Communion and Feet Washing Message.

Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Moderator  
Chester O'Donnel, Clerk

**72ND SESSION AT WATTSVILLE**—Eight churches reporting, Rev. E. R. Mayo preached the 11 o'clock message and Rev. S. W. McDonough the Communion and Foot Washing message. 1. Bro. J. L. Franklin ordained a deacon for Friendship Church. 2. Bro. E. R. Mayo license to preach one year for Trinity Church. 3. Bro. Gordon Gravette license to preach 1 year for Talladega Church. 4. Rev. Chester O'Donnel was sent to see about the Ider Church and how we could help them. He was paid 5 cents a mile.

Rev. F. C. Barber, Moderator  
Chester O'Donnel, Clerk

**73RD SESSION AT FRIENDSHIP IN PELL CITY**—Eight Churches reporting. Rev. Marvin Wyatt brought the 11 o'clock message. Rev. M. L. Harris the Communion and Foot Washing Saturday night. 1. Search be made and if found where Rev. James Wycuff was ordained give him duplicate papers as he has lost his. 2. Bro. N. M. Sanders and Walter J. Hamlin license to preach for one year. 3. Rev. Robert Sanders ordained to the full Gospel Ministry. 4. Transfer the \$30.00 layed aside for the Youth Camp Revival in 1956 back to Quarterly Meeting Treasurer and then pay for moving the piano to Crudup and the rest of the expenses of the Evangelist. 6. That the Quarterly Meeting pay for moving the State tent from Eldridge to Talladega. An offering was taken for this purpose amounting to \$21.04, and given to the Home Mission Board. The next session was put off until December to meet with Trinity Church in East Gadsden. Motion carried to pay \$10.00 Minute money to the Association.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING TREASURER REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

On hand in 1956	140.00
Received 56 and 57	102.36
Total	242.36
Paid out for the year	174.36
Balance June 28, 1957	68.00

Rev. Chester O'Donnel was elected clerk for the coming year.

#### PLACE OF MEETING OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

Dec. 28, 1957	Trinity, East Gadsden.
March 29, 1958	Pleasant Grove Rt. 1, Arhville, Ala.
June 28, 1958	First Church, Alabama, City.
August 30, 1958	First Church, Ragland, Ala.
Nov. 29, 1958	Guiding Light, Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala.

**GUIDING LIGHT**—Delegates Sister Hattie Owens, Josie (Granny) Callahan, Sherlee Jackson, Retha Fisher and Bro. Will Jackson. State of religion, good. Members received this year 6, by baptism, 5. Total 6, less by letter, 2. By death, 1 Total 3. Present membership 107. Prayer meeting, Fair; expended for pastor \$300.00. Evangelist 75.00. Building and repairs \$319.87. Heat and Lights \$41.93; Home Mission \$10.00; Orphanage 75.15; Total 821.95; Sabbath School, good, average number of pupils 60, officers 2; Teachers 4; Cost of literature \$44.05; flowers and other items \$185.07. Enclosed for entrance fee \$5.00,



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Minutes \$5.00. Total \$10.00. Value of church property \$2500.00. We have called Rev. W. C. Patterson of Pell City for pastor. Clerks name and address, J. W. Jones, Rt. 1 box 57, Pell City, Ala. Done by order of Guiding Light Free Will Baptist Church this 18th day of August 1957.

Rev. W. C. Patterson, Moderator  
J. W. Jones, Clerk

**TRINITY CHURCH**—Delegates, Brothers J. J. Coffee, E. R. Mayo Eugene Wright. State of religion good. Members received this year, by baptism, 4; by letter, 6; by statement 6; total 16. Loss by letter 3; by exclusion 1; deaths 1; total loss 5. Present membership 27. Prayer meetings good. Expended for pastor \$400.00. Buildings and repairs \$450.00 Heat, lights, water 87.78; flowers, etc. 39.02; insurance and other items \$123.40; total \$1100.20. Condition of Sabbath School good; average number of pupils 40; officers 2; teachers 4; cost of literature \$23.00. Sabbath School offering to Orphanage \$79.63; flowers and other items \$11.00; inclosed for entrance fee \$5.00, Minutes 3.00; total \$3.00, value of church property \$8,000. We have called Rev. M. L. Harris for pastor. Clerk name and address, Rev. S. W. McDonough, 107 Linwood Ave. East Gadsden, Ala. Ordained ministers 4, licensed 1. Done by order of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church this 14th day of September 1957.

Rev. M. L. Harris, Moderator  
S. W. McDonough, Clerk

**TALLADEGA FIRST CHURCH**—Delegates, Brothers Bobby Smith, M. A. Matson, William Smith. State of religion good; members received this year 9; by baptism 3; restoration 2; recommendation 4; total 9. Loss by letter 1; death 1; total 2. Present membership 189. Prayer meeting good. Expended for pastor, \$1218.00; Building and repairs \$256.69; heat and lights 131.95; publications \$25.00; insurance and other items 67.08; total 1631.64. Condition of Sabbath School, good. Average number of pupils 96; officers 2, teachers 5, cost of literature 60.00. Orphanage \$107.66; flowers and other items \$70.00. Enclosed for entrance fee \$5.00, janitor and charity 424.11, Minutes \$10.00. Total \$15.00, value of church property \$10 000. Have called Rev. Leroy Smith of Pell City, Ala. for pastor. Clerk address, Ora Humphrey, 223 W. Battle, Talladega, Ala. Ordained ministers, licensed 3. By order of Talledega First Free Will Baptist Church this 31st day of August, 1957.

Rev. Leroy Smith, Moderator  
Ora Humphrey, Clerk

**IDER CHURCH**—Delegates, Bro. Leslie Powell and Rev. Dolphus Gilbreath. State of religion good. Members received this year by baptism 1, by letter 3 statement 1, total 5, loss by letter 7, total 7. Present membership 17. Sabbath School good. Average number of pupils 30, officers 2, teachers 3, cost of literature \$4.00, entrance fee \$5.00, Minutes \$2.00, total inclosed \$7.00. Have called Rev. M. J. Naler of Gadsden, Alabama as pastor. Clerk and address, Mrs. T. C. Barnes, Rt. 1, Trenton, Georgia. Ordained ministers 1. By order of Ider Free Will Baptist Church this first day of Sept. 1957.

Rev. M. J. Naler, Moderator  
Mrs. T. C. Barnes, Clerk

**FRIENDSHIP**—Delegates Brothers Robert Simon, Luke Harris (deceased). Brother Webber to replace him. Dillard Shirley, Sisters Mamie Windsor, Susie Pardue, Jere Lynn Davis (honorary). State of religion good. Members received this year by baptism 11, letter 4, statement 3, total 18. Loss by death 1, total 1. Present membership 163. Prayer meeting good. Expended for pastor 2420.00 Evangelist 312.96, miscellaneous 168.75, heat and lights 87.04, janitor 124.00, song books \$22.50, Home Mission \$10.00, visiting preachers \$50.00, insurance 35.50, total 3230.75. Condition of Sabbath School good. Aver-

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age number of pupils 57, officers 2, teachers 4, cost of literature 84.21, Orphanage \$120.55, flowers and ither items \$97.92. Enclosed for entrance fee \$5.00, Minutes \$10.00. We have called Rev. J. T. Windsor for our pastor, Clerk and address, Robert Simon 3028 9th Ave. N. Pell City, Ala. By order of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church this 14th day of September 1957.

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Moderator  
Robert Simon, Clerk

**RAGLAND**—Delegates, Brother A. W. Wolf, Sisters A. W. Wolf, Ruby Davis and Sister Bill Hines Alternate. State of religion good. Members received this year by baptism 3, letter 1, statement 2, total 6. Loss none. Present membership 43. Prayer meeting good. Expended for pastor \$62.00, Evangelist \$67.00, building and repairs \$22.75, heat and lights \$50.00 Orphanage \$20.00. Condition of Sabbath School good. Average number of pupils 36, officers 3, teachers 4, flowers and other items \$5.00. Enclosed for entrance fee \$5.00, Minutes \$3.00, total \$8.00. Value of church property \$10,000. Have called Rev. Marvin Wyatt of Ragland, Ala. for pastor. Number of ordained ministers 2. By order of Ragland First Free Will Baptist Church this 20th day of September, 1957.

Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Moderator  
W. W. Hines, Clerk

**WATTSVILLE**—Delegates, Bro. and Sister Herman Dollar, Bro. Loyaltan Ledlow, Bro. Duff Wilson, Sister Harvey Wells. State of religion good. Members received past 3 months 3, letter or statement 2, baptism 1, total 3. Present membership 49. Prayer Meeting fair. Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 40. Number of officers 2, teachers 4, paid pastor \$14.87, building and repairs \$242.50. Enclosed for minutes \$3.00, entrance fee \$5.00, total \$8.00. Number of ministers with us 4. We have called Rev. Alfred Ledlow of Ashville, Ala. Rt. 1, for pastor. By order of Wattsville First Free Will Baptist Church this 15th of September, 1957.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Moderator  
Herman Dollar, Clerk

**PLEASANT GROVE**—Delegates Brothers H. D. O'Donnel, D. J. O'Donnel, and Sister Odessia O'Donnel. State of religion good. Members received past 3 months, Present membership 45. Condition of prayer meeting fair. Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 34, number of officers 2, teachers 3, expended for pastor \$500.00, Evangelist \$82.54, Home Mission \$20.00. Enclosed for Minutes \$3.00, entrance fee \$5.00. Number of ministers with us 6. Bro. Alfred O'Donnel, Clerk, Steele, Ala. Have called Rev. Mark Edge for pastor by order of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church this 14th day of September, 1957.

Rev. H. A. O'Donnel, Moderator  
Alfred Ledlow, Clerk

**FIRST CHURCH AT ALABAMA CITY**—Delegates, Sister Nettie Green, Sister Lurid Williams, Brother Charles Williams. State of religion good. Members received this year 5. Total 5. Loss by dismissal 3, by death 4, total 7. Present membership 82. Expended for pastor \$480.00, water, lights and gas \$105.70. Condition of prayer meeting good, Sunday School good. Average number of pupils 50. officers 2, teachers 4. Enclosed for entrance fee \$5.00, Minutes \$5.00, total \$10.00. Number of ministers with us, 4. Value of church property \$10,000. Have called Rev. Lurid Williams for pastor. By order of First Free Will Baptist Church this 15th of September, 1957.

Rev. Lurid Williams, Moderator  
U. U. Lambert, Clerk 1310, Walnut St.  
Gadsden Alabama



**FRIENDSHIP LADIES AID**—We have eight members on roll who meet each Tuesday night. Our services are opened by our president. Singing, prayer, Bible reading and testimonies. Then business, paying our dues, turning in anything we have collected. This year we have taken in from chicken plates, candy and ice cream sales \$620.33. Have paid out 218.25 for the candy and other items. Have given to our pastor and the church \$250.00 for needy people and flowers, for death of aid members parents \$62.78. Postage on cards to shutins \$9.50 and have added \$260.90 to the building fund of the church. Making a total of \$605.23, leaving a balance of \$15.10, in our treasurer. We desire that every one pray for us that we may continue in the Lords will and be a blessing to our church and community.

Mrs. Susie Pardue, President  
Mrs. Ann Barber, Secretary

### MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The 23rd session of the Ministers Conference of Liberty Association Number 2 convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Talladega, Ala., on Friday night Sept. 20th, 1957. After song service the house was called to order by the clerk. The former Moderator took charge reading Roman 8th chapter, 1st thru 13th verse. Prayer by Bro. D. J. O'Donnel. Motion carried to elect officers for this term. Rev. Mark Edge, Moderator, Ragland, Ala., Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Clerk, Pell City, Ala., Rev. Chester A. O'Donnel, assistant clerk, Ashville, Ala. Rt. 1.

Roll call was made and there was 17 represented in person. 6 by letter and 5 absentees. Motion lost to accept letters one at a time. Motion carried to accept letters of ministers. Motion carried to hold conference open until 2:30 Saturday evening to give non reporting ministers opportunity to report. Opportunity for membership was given and the following ministers was received into the fellowship of this body. Rev. Lurid Williams, Rev. J. H. Bishop Rev. Eliahue R. Mayo, Rev. John Howell, Rev. N. M. Sanders, Rev. James G. Barber, Rev. Robert Sanders, Rev. James Wycuff.

**NEW BUSINESS**—Rev. G. C. Willis requested a letter of recommendation. Motion carried to grant same. Motion carried to extend opportunity for membership before election of new officers. Motion carried to read minutes—read and adopted. Motion carried to recess until 2 p. m. Saturday evening..

### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Clerk called the body to order at 1:50 p. m. Moderator being absent, Rev. Leroy Smith took charge reading from Isa. 8:7-8. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Howell. Motion carried to accept ministers reporting at this time and to drop from the roll those failing to report. Motion carried to grant Rev. J. B. Ledlow a letter of recommendation. Motion carried to hold ministers conference on Friday night only, and not carry over to Saturday, at no time. Ministers failing to report on Friday night at the regular time will be dropped from the roll. Opportunity for membership was given and the following ministers was received into the fellowship of this body. Rev. D. H. Gilbreath, Rev. M. J. Naler, Rev. O. O. Parrish, Rev. B. P. Gravette. Adjourned by motion to reconvene on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1958.

Rev. Mark Edge, Moderator  
Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Clerk

### MINISTERS ROLL

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Rev. S. W. McDonough, 107 Lynwood Ave., E. Gadsden, Ala.  
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Rev. Johnie W. Burnham, 504 26th St. No., Pell City, Ala.  
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Rev. James Wycuff, 2113 Kyle Ave., P. O. Box 434, Ala. City, Ala.  
Ph. LI 6-3677  
Rev. A. A. Bradshaw, P. O. Box 168, Talladega, Ala. Ph. EM 2-7257  
Rev. M. L. Harris, 419 No. 24th, Ala. City, Ala.  
Rev. Mark Edge P. O. Box 117, Ragland, Ala.  
Rev. W. C. Patterson, 3309 8th Ave., Pell City, Ala.  
Rev. E. R. Mayo, Route 5, Gadsden, Ala.  
Rev. G. C. Willis, Pell City, Ala.  
Rev. Robert Sanders, 221 Spring St., Talladega, Ala.  
Rev. J. S. Howell, 221 Court St., Talladega, Ala.  
Rev. Leroy Smith, 506 29th St. No., Pell City Ala.  
Rev. J. J. Coffee, 126 No. 12th St., Gadsden, Ala.  
Rev. Lurid Williams, Gilbert Ferry Rd., Attalla, Ala.  
Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.  
Rev. Hubert Bishop, 3225 Birch Ave. SW, Birmingham, Ala.  
Rev. James G. Barber, 709 Howard St., Talladega Ala.  
Rev. Roy Isbell, Route 2, Sterrett, Ala.  
Rev. E. L. Isbell, Route 2, Sterrett, Ala.  
Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.  
Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.  
Rev. J. T. Windsor, 604 29th St. No., Pell City Ala.  
Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Ragland, Ala.  
Rev. A. A. Edge, Leeds, Ala.  
Rev. W. T. Mulligan, Pell City, Ala.  
Rev. Lenard Mayfield, Cleveland, Ohio  
Rev. J. E. Self, 1117 Dwight Ave., Ala. City, Ala.  
Rev. M. M. Sanders, 138 Curry St., Talladega, Ala.  
Rev. Chas. L. Carlisle 409 30th St. No., Pell City, Ala. Ph. ED 8-7389  
Rev. Odell Parrish, 303 29th St. Ala. City, Ala.  
Rev. D. H. Gilbreath, Route 2, Henager, Ala.  
Rev. Clarence Magouyrk, 309 Shaw Ave., Talladega, Ala.  
Rev. M. J. Naler, 106 Campbell St., E. Gadsden, Ala.  
Rev. Gordon Gravette, 510 Macador Ave., Bessemer, Ala.  
Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Fayette, Ala.  
Rev. W. B. Hollis Pell City, Ala.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 12th annual session of the Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention met at the Friendship Church on April 27, 28, 1957. There were 7 Sunday Schools reporting—Plesant Grove, Friendship, Trinity, Wattsville, Ragland, Talladega, Alabama City. The session opened with Bro. U. U. Lambert—the president reading 1st Psa. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Harris.

Election of officers for the coming year: President—Bro. Calvin Barber; Vice-President—Bro. Herman Dollar; Clerk—Chester O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala., Assistant Clerk—Paul Davis, Fieldworker—Rev. S. W. Donough 107 Lynwood Ave. E., Gadsden, Ala., Asst. Field worker—J. L. Franklin, Standing Committees—New members X Ex. Committee, 1 year Dillard Shirley, 2 years J. T. Windsor 3 years M. L. Harris X Youth Camp Committees, 1 year D. J. O'Donnell, 2 years Robert Sanders X, 3 years J. W. Burnham, 4 years Bill Hinds, 5 years Bro. Dennis Parham X. Road Committee F. C. Barber, Chrm., Paul Davis, J. W. Burnham, J. T. Windsor, Calvin Barber.



Business Committee Chrm. Herman Dollar, Barbara Norris, Dennis Parham. Bro. Paul Davis was elected to be delegate to state Sunday School Convention. Auditing Committee—S. W. McDonough, Calvin Barber, Mrs. Berence Williams.

We find all books in order—Adopted. Business Committee report read and adopted—1. That the next session go to Trinity Church E. Gadsden. 2. That this body recommend that the Sunday School Supt. and Sect. see that they have the national S. S. Course. 3. That this body accept the radio time of Bro. Barber for Sunday morning and pay for it.

Report of Sunday School—On hand \$9.64, Entrance fees 25.00, Sunday School 3.30, Delegate return 4.00, total \$41.94. Spent—paper and stamps \$.20, Delegate expenses 11.50, Convention dues 7.50, total 19.20. Balance in Treasurer 22.74.

Reports of Youth Camp—On hand from last year \$73.60, Friendship Church 19.19, Pleasant Grove S. S. 8.50. Offering at Convention 12.35. Total \$113.64. By-Laws changes pay delegates expenses to State Convention in advance. That we pay clerk \$5.00.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—That we pay 15% of S. S. Offering to youth camp. That we get a type written report of the officers and committee and their duties. And get it to the different Sunday Schools. Motion carried to start service at 9:45 a. m. Sunday morning. Motion to stand adjourn the business part of this session to meet with Trinity Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1958.

Sunday morning Bro. Mayo led the singing, Bro. U. U. Lambert took charge reading the Sunday School Lesson—prayer by Alfred Ledlow. Classes arranged and teachers took charge. We had 64 present with \$4.15 offering. Bro. Mark Edge brought the 11 o'clock message. Scripture reading I Peter 4:12-19. "Suffer as a Christian". Dismissed for lunch by Roy McKee.

Sunday afternoon president took charge reading Ecc. 3:1-9. Prayer by Rev. F. C. Barber. After many good songs Miss Dean Cox said a poem and Bro. Chester O'Donnell read a poem, then the Mize family sang several good numbers after which an offering was taken for them—amounting to \$10.82. Dismissed by Bro. Paul Davis.

### CONSTITUTION OF S. S. CONVENTION

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 long certificate of standing.

2. Each Minister Ordained or Licensed, of churches belonging to this Association is expected to affiliate with 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 unless called to pastor a church then he can be ordained before a year is finished.

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 ministers 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 \$15.00 each term for his services and the Moderator be paid 10.00.

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

### BY LAWS OF S. S. CONVENTION

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.

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 "Brother 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 BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are 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. 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: (1) Repentance of 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 and 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. **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 ordinance 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.