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THE 25TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION MET SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1958 WITH PLEASANT GROVE F.W.B., CHURCH AT ASHVILLE, ALABAMA, ROUTE 1

FRIDAY MORNING-SEPTEMBER 26, 1958

The session opened with singing led by Rev. Johnie Burnham and Rev. James Wycoff. Songs were "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus" and "When I Can Read My Title Clear."

The clerk then called the house to order at 9:10 a.m. Friday. The Moderator, Rev, F. C. Barber took charge until new officers were installed. Scripture reading, Ps. 148. Prayer by Rev. Johnie Burnham.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. E. Self and Rev. A. A. Bradshaw on the Credential Committee. Sister Harvey Wells and Rev. Lurid Williams were absent. Brother Robert Simon only member present was the chairman.

Rev. Johnie Burnham and Rev. James' Wycoff led singing at this time. Songs were "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Are You Washed In The Blood," and "The Royal Telephone."

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (1958)

We have examined the following letters and found them to be in order. The Mount Olive Church of Dunnavant request to join the association.

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First Church .					Wa	ttsville
Mt. Olive	 				Dun	navant
First Church	 				R	agland
Pleasant Grove	 A	shville,	Route	1,	(Shoal	Creek)
First Church	 				Alabam	a City
Trinity					East Ga	adsden

Motion carried to adopt the report, read letters, and seat the delegates. Songs, "I Would Not Be Denied" and "This World Is Not My Home" were led by Rev. James Wycoff and Rev. Johnie Eurnham.

Opportunity for membership was given while singing the song "Standing On The Promises." Mt. Olive accepted and was taken into the body by proper motion.

Sister Herman Dollar sang a special song at this time, "Prettiest Flowers Will Be Blooming."

Special request for prayer at this time for Rev. M. L. Harris and other request. Prayer led by Rev. W. C. Patterson.

Motion carried for the present moderator to appoint a Devotional Committee. (See committies and reports.) Motion carried to elect officers for this session.

Rev. J. T. Windsor was elected Moderator.

Rev. F. C. Barber was elected Assistant Moderator.

Paul Davis was elected clerk.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell was elected assistant clerk.

Committees appointed and their reports appointed. Motion carried to the contract of the second second adopt all reports.

1. DEVOTIONAL-Bro. Harold Duckett, Sister Retha Fisher, Sister Effie Bradshaw.

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REPORT-Rev. J. T. Windsor 11 o'clock today; Rev. W. C. Patterson to, nights messager well dans the good and the second and Alla an USA and and

Rev. Patterson asked Rev. A. J. Lambert former Suptraof the childrens home to bring the message and he accepted the invitation. Rev. E. R. Mayo 11 o'clock Saturday morning; Rev. Johnie Burnham

Saturday night (Devotional).

Rev. S. W. McDonough brought the message Saturday night.

-2. BUSINESS-Rev. A. A. Edge, E. L. Isbell, W. C. Patterson, J. E. Self and Rev. Johnie Burnham,

REPORT-1. We recommend that each church take an offering once a month for Home Mission.

2. We recommend that the Home Mission Board buy the piano offered to them priced at \$150.

3. We recommend that the next session of this association go to Friendship Church at Pell City. 555.6 S

5.4. Motion carried to table the item till after lunch. S Untabled after lunch.

We recommend that the Home Mission Board have the right to purchase a tent.

We recommend that the letters of the churches be read and the delegates be seated. That is the statistics, no business that the letters contain.

DECEASED-Sisters Hattie Owens, Ola Epps, Rhonda O'Donnell. REPORT-We find our deceased members to be,

'FRIENDSHIP-Sister's Lura Spicer, Vada 'De' France, Laura Biggers and Rev. W. B. Hollis.

RAGLAND-Bro. Grover Jackson.

GUIDING LIGHT-Bro. Burns Ramsey.

WATTSVILLE-Rev. E. G. Talley.

EDUCATION-Rev. James Wycoff, Sis. Dovie Edge, Rev. Clay Engle. REPORT-We recommend that the parents visit the schools and see what the children are being taught. A childs education should begin at home by the parents sitting the example. By daily prayer and Bible reading. And we urge our parents to support our denominational schools as much as possible.

EXECUTIVE-Rev's. C. L. Carlisle 1 yr., E. R. Mayo 2 yrs., C A. O'Donnell 3 yrs.

No. Report.

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HOME MISSION-Bro. Robert Simon, 1 yr.; D. J. O'Donnell, 2 yrs.; Rev. Marvin Wyatt, 3 yrs.

REPORT-

	Bal. in treasurer, Sept. 20, 1957	\$344.15
0	Pd. in during year	40.00
	Pd. out during year	10.00
	Bal. Sept. 27, 1958	374.15
	Tent fund	193.56
	Operating expense	180.59
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LITERATURE-Sister Harold Duckett, Rev. Earl Isbell, Bro. Robert Simon.

REPORT-We urge everyone to carefully examine all literature brought into the home and firmly stand against false doctrine so widely spread. We read Eph. 4:14 That we henceforth 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 decieve.

We believe the Bible to be the greatest of all books, and should be taught diligently to the children in the home daily. Pro. 22:6. Train up a

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child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. MINISTERIAL STANDINGS-Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Bro. Barto Endfinger,

Bro. Harold Duckett.

REPORT-We recommend that the ministers reporting in person or by letter be given a certificate of standing to preach the Gospel for the coming year.

ORGANIZING COUNCIL-Bros. Paul Davis, 1 yr.; Sam Kimberly, 2 yrs.; Rev. Johnie Burnham, 3 yrs.; Rev. J. T. Windsor, 4 yrs.; Rev. J. E. Self, 5 yrs. No. Report.

RESOLUTION-Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. A. A. Edge, Sis. Ola Epps.

REPORT—That we give a rising vote of thanks to this church, its Pastor and good ladies for the food served. 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 and all of us to pray more for our association and one another.

SABBATH SCHOOL-Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Sis. A. A. Bradshaw, Bro. H. B. Pardue.

REPORT—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. We urge parents to take their children to Sunday School instead of just sending them.

TEMPERANCE-Bro. S. W. McDonough, Bro. H. B. Pardue, Bro. W. W. Williams.

REPORT—We recommend that our churches stress temperance in all things as well as in strong drink, remembering always the scripture, Matt. 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 the openly.

AUDITING-Rev. Marvin Wyatt, Bro. Harold Duckett, Rev. Clay Engle.

REPORT—We have examined all books and found Home Missisn book in order with a balance of \$374.15. The association treasury with a balance of \$68.16.

FAMILY RELIGION-Rev. O'Dell Parrish, Bro. Barto Endfinger, Sis. Retha Fisher.

REPORT-We recommend that all homes have altar 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.

REPORT-

CLERK-TREASURER

Balance from 1957\$	33.99
Ent. Fee and Minutes	104.00
From Quarterly Meeting	55.00
Offering for childrens home	57.00
Offering for sick girl	17.52
Total	273.51
Paid out mod. and clerk\$	25.00
State asso, and delegate	23.00
Minutes (400)	80.50
Postage and paper	2.33

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Childrens Home	57.00
Sick girl	17.52
Total	205.35
Dalar t	68.16

FIELD EVANGELIST-Rev. S. W. McDonough.

REPORT-As your Field Evangelist for the year, I have very little to report. I conducted only one revival during the year and assisted in three others as follows: The last week in March and the first week in April, I helped Rev. E. R. Mayo in a wonderful revival in Grayson, Ky. A glorious experience of cooperation in the Spirit of the Lord. The first week in May I conducted a revival at the New Home Congregational Methodist Church at Douglas, Ala. Another great time with the Lord. The third week of Sept. Rev. Carl Jackson of Glencoe, Alabama and I conducted a revival under the tent in Hoke's Bluff Alabama, a wonderful field with a great potential supply of faith and power.

CREDENTIAL COMM. (1959)-Bro. W. W. Williams, Bro. Robert Simon, Rev. S. W. McDonough, Bro. Harold Duckett, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.

ORDAINING COUNCIL-Rev. Johnnie Burnham, Rev. E. R. Mayo, Rev. Earl Isbell, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Rev. J. E. Self.

A trio, Sis. Herman Dallor, Sis. Cecil O'Donnell and Rev. James Wycoff sang "Blood Stains On The Cross." Rev. Earl Isbell led in prayer, then Rev. James Wycoff led "Amazing Grace."

Rev. J. T. Windsor took the stand for the 11 o'clock message. Scripture Heb. 2:6 "What Is Man." Then Rev. E. R. Mayo dismissed in Prayer for the lunch hour.

FRIDAY EVENING-SEPTEMBER 26, 1958

Services began with Rev. James Wycoff leading the singing. Songs were "Watching You" and "Some Day."

The moderator took charge at 1:10 reading the scripture Ps. 27. Prayer by Rev. Richmond Howard. Then Rev. A. J. Lambert former Supt. of the Childrens Home spoke in regard of the childrens Home while he was there. Then his son, Rev. Carlton Lambert, the present Supt. of the Home spoke. He told of the need and what is being done at the home. He gave the aim of the home as fitting the boys and girls better for the future. Our trustee of the Home from this association is Rev. F. C. Barber, Box 597, Pell City, Ala bama, Phone ED 8-2804.

An offering for the Childrens Home amounting to \$29.25 was taken while Rev. Johnnie Burnham led a song, "All Alone."

We stood a moment in silent prayer in memory of those gone on to be with the Lord.

Rev. Richmond Howard was recognized from the Cahaba Association. Motion adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING-SEPTEMBER 27, 1958

Services began at 9 o'clock with singing led by Rev. Johnie Burnham. Songs were "Sitting at The Feet of Jesus" and "When All of God's Singers Get Home." The moderator took charge reading the Scripture Ps. 19. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Jones. The nthe moderatio read the By-Laws of the association.

Rev. Louie Bates formerly of the Cahaba Association and Rev. R. W. Ritch of the Birmingham District Association were recognized and gave short talks. After this Rev. E. R. Mayo led the song "Lord Send Me." Then there were some good testimonies. Then the song "Shouting on The Hill." After some

business was tended, Rev. Johnie Burnham led the song, "Won't Be Very Long."

Then The Gospel Singers of Gadsden sang, "Aint's No Grave Gonna Hold My Body Down" and others. After this singing Rev. E. R. Mayo brought the 11 o'clock message. Scripture reading Isa. 28:16-21 and 1st John 3:1-8 thought: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Then the moderator gave an invitation to accept the Lord while Bro. Johnie Isbell led the song, "Only Trust Him." Then the Gospel Singers sang, "I Was There When It Happened," and others.

Dismissed for the lunch hour by Rev. Johnie Burnham.

SATURDAY EVENING-SEPTEMBER 27, 1958

Services began with singing by the Gospel Singers singing, "Nearer My God to Thee" and others. The moderator took charge at 1:10 p.m. Scripture reading Rom. 8:1-14. Prayer by Rev. Richmond Howard from the Cahaba Association.

Motion carried to elect the Field Evangelist. Rev. S. W. McDonough elected. Motion carried to elect five delegates to the State Association. Rev. Johnie Burnham, Rev. Leroy Smith, Bro. Paul Davis, Bro. D. J. O'Donnell and Rev. E. R. Mayo were elected.

Motion carried to accept the minutes as read with the proper amendment. Motion to adjourn to meet with Friendship church at Pell City, Ala. on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September 1959. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. E. R. Mayo.

SATURDAY NIGHT-SEPTEMBER 27, 1958

Services began with singing led by Rev. Johnie Burnham and Rev. E. R. Mayo. Then an altar prayer led by Bro. Melvin Gragg. Another song, "When I See The Blood." Then Rev. Johnie Burnham took charge for the devotional service. There were many good testimonies, then a song, "Thank God For The Blood." After which Rev. S. W. McDonough brought the message, Scripture reading. Isa. 55:1-5, St. John 6:30-35.

Thought: My meat and my drink. St. John 4:34. After the message the invitation was given and a young man came to the altar and accepted the Lord as his personal Savior. Then the communion and feet washing service with a goodly number taking part.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The 24th session of the ministers conference met with the Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church, Ashville, Ala., Route 1 on Friday night, September 26, 1958.

After song services the clerk called the body to order and asked the former moderator, Rev. Mark Edge to take charge. Prayer by Rev. E. R. Mayo, Scripture reading Matt. 9:35-38 and James 5:1-12.

Motion carried to go into the election of officers for the coming year. Rev. Marvin Wyatt elected moderator and Rev. S. W. McDonough elected clerk. Rev. Chester O'Donnell elected assistant clerk.

Song while membership into the body was given. Three men presented themselves for membership. Rev. Clay Engle, Rev. Earl Isbell and Rev. Harry H. Blanchard. Motion carried to accept these three into full fellowship of the body. Hand of fellowship extended.

There were 28 ministers who attended in person, 3 by letter and 3 failed to answer. Two others had deceased. Motion carried to accept the three letters. Motion carried to drop the three who failed to answer the roll call. Motion carried to ask the association to grant the ministers who reported in

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person or by letter an annual certificate of standing. Motion carried to amend the Ministers conference ruling of last year to add a question, Of honest and sincere effort, to the Ministaral standing requirements. Motion did not carry to hold future ministers conference separate from the body of the church's congregation. Motion carried to insert the names of Rev. Clyde Bishop and Rev. Clarence O'Donnell in the ministers roll as they were left out of the last minutes.

The body stood in silent prayer in recognition of Rev. W. B. Hollis and Rev. E. Tally, two of our fellow ministers who were called to their reward since the last ministers conference. Collection was taken for flowers for the wreaths sent them from the body totaled \$30.34. Then motion to adjourn to meet at Friendship Church Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1959.

Rev. A. J. Lambert brought the message after the ministers conference from the thought, The Sureness of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Scriptures quoted II Peter 3:1-14 with 1 Peter 3.20 as a text. A wonderful message. After the message song No. 287 was sang while an old fashion handshake was enjoyed by all. Then there were many good testimonies which were wonderful praises to the Lord.

Invitation to accept the Lord was given by Rev. W. C. Patterson while the congregation sang No. 225. Then there were more testimonies given.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lenard Mayfield.

MINISTERS ROLL

F. C. Barber, P. O. Box 597, Pell City, Alabama, Phone ED 8-2804

J. G. Barber, 713 Howard St., Talladega, Ala., Phone EM 2-4747

Hubert Bishop, 3225 Birch Ave. S. W., Birmingham, Alabama

Clyde Bishop, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama

A. A. Bradshaw, P. O. Box 168, Talladega, Ala., Phone EM 2-7257

Johnie Burnham, 504 N 26th St., Pell City, Ala., Phone ED 8-7475

C. L. Carlisle, 409 N 30th St., Pell City, Ala., Phone ED 8-7389

J. J. Coffee, 126 N 12th St., Gadsden, Alabama

Mark Edge, P.O. Box 117, Ragland, Alabama

A. A. Edge, Leeds, Alabama, Phone RA 6-7744

M. L. Harris, 419 N 24th St., Gadsden, Alabama

J. S. Howell, 221 Court Street, Talladega, Alabama

E. L. Isbell, Route 2, Sterrett, Alabama

Roy Isbell, Route 2, Sterrett, Alabama

Alfred Ledlow, Route 1, Ashville, Alabama

Clarence Magouyrk, 309 Shaw Ave., Talledega, Ala., Phone EM 2-9094

Lenard Mayfield, Cleveland, Ohio

E. R. Mayo, Route 1, Glenco, Alabama, Phone LI 3-3232

S. W. McDonough, 107 Linwood Ave., East Gadsden, Ala., Phone LI 6-2694 W. T. Mulligan, Pell City, Alabama

C. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Alabama, Phone LY 4-2518

Clarence O'Donnell, P.O. Box 73, Ashville, Alabama, Phone LY 4-3959

H. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Alabama, Route One, Phone LY 4-2518

O. O. Parrish, 111 So. 22nd St., Gadsden, Ala., Phone LI 6-0710

W. C. Patterson, 3309 8th Ave., Pell City, Ala., Phone ED 8-7243

N. M. Sanders, 138 Curry St., Talladega, Alabama

Roberts Sanders, 221 Spring St., Talladega, Alabama

J. E. Self, 113 S. 22nd St., Gadsden, Ala., Phone LI 3-4414

Leroy Smith, 506 29th St. No. Pell City, Ala., Phone ED 8-7765

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Lurid Williams, Gilberts Ferry Road, Attalla, Alabama J. T. Windsor, 604 29th St. N., Pell City, Alabama Marvin Wyatt, Ragland, Alabama James Wycoff, 2402 Sansom Ave., Gadsden, Alabama

NEW MEMBERS

Harry H. Blanchard, Birmingham, Alabama, Route 11 Earl Isbell, Leeds, Alabama, Route 1 Clay Engle, Ragland, Alabama, Route 1, Box 155

CHURCH LETTERS

IDER CHURCH-Did not report.

FIRST CHURCH, ALABAMA CITY-Delegates, Bro. U. U. Lambert, Sis. Mildred Lambert, Bro. W. W. Williams. State of Religion good. Members received this year -2. Baptized -2. Total membership 69. Prayer meetings -Good. Sunday School - Good. Average number of pupils -45. Officers -2. Teachers -5. Paid Pastor \$288.35, Evangelist - \$39.10, Orphan Home -\$47.20, building and repairs - \$214.54, Sunday School Literature - \$31.88, Enclosed for entrance fee and minutes - \$10. Number of ordained ministers -5. Rev. Lurid Williams was called for Pastor this coming year. Value of church property - \$3500.

> Bro. U. U. Lambert, Clerk 310 Walnut St. Gadsden, Alabama

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GUIDING LIGHT CHURCH-Delegates, Sisters Bell Callahan, Hattie Owens, Retha Fisher, Lesma Ramsey, Ruth Jackson, State of religion – Good. Members received this year – 15. Six by Baptism, eight by letter, 1 by statement. Lost one by death. Present membership – 121. Expenses; Pastor – \$375, Building and repairs – \$128.23, Heating and lights – \$47.35, Home Mission – \$10, Insurance and miscellaneous items – \$286.76. Total – \$642.59. Sabbath School – Good. Average number of pupils – 69, Officers – 2, Teachers – 4. Cost of literature – \$46.31. Offering for orphanage – \$69.02, flowers and miscellaneous items –\$25.60. Enclosed for entrance fee – \$5, Home Mission – \$10, minutes – \$7.50. Total inclosed \$22.50. Value of church property – \$2500. Rev W. C. Patterson of Pell City, Alabama has been called as pastor for the coming year. Clerk J. W. Jones, Pell City, Route 1.

Done by order of Guiding Light F.W.B. Church the 17th day of August, 1958.

W. C. Patterson, Moderator John W. Jones, Clerk

TRINITY-Delegates, Bro. Eugene Wright, Bro. Jonah White. State of Religion good. Members received this year 2. Members lost 18, one by letter, seventeen by exclusion. Present membership eleven. Prayer meeting, good. Expended for pastor \$480, building and repairs \$1883.48, heat and lights \$87.23, Home Mission \$30, orphanage \$120.40, insurance and miscellaneous items \$163.39. Total \$2764.50. Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils 37. Officers 2, teachers 4. Cost of literature \$14.53. Offering for orphanage \$68.61. Inclosed for entrance fee \$5, minutes \$5. Total \$10. Value of church property \$8000. Rev. M. L. Harris has been called as pastor for the coming year. Number of ordained ministers three.

Done by order of Trinity F.W.B. Church the 22nd day of September 1958.

Rev. M. L. Harris, Moderator Rev. S. W. McDonough, Clerk 107 Lynwood Ave., Gadsden, Ala.

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RAGLAND-Delegates, Bro. Turner Wyatt, Sister's Patsy Davis, W. W. Hines, Bro. A. W. Wolf, alternate. State of Religion, good. Members received this year two, by Baptism. One member lost by death. Present membership 42. Prayer meetings, none. Expended for pastor \$82, evangelist \$96, building and repairs \$22.75, heat and lights \$40. Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils 35, officers 3, teachers 4. Cost of literature \$32, offering for orphanage \$15, flowers and miscellaneous items \$30. Inclosed for entrance fee \$5, minutes \$3. Total \$8. Value of church property \$8000. Rev. Marvin Wyatt has been called as pastor for the coming year. Number of ordained ministers two.

Done by order of Ragland F.W.B. Church the 21st day of September 1958.

Marvin Wyatt, Moderator

W. W. Hines, Clerk Ragland, Alabama

MT. OLIVE-Delegates, Bro. Harold Duckett, Sis. Jimmie Duckett and Sis. Dovie Edge. State of Religion, fair. Members received this year eleven, one by Baptism, 6 by letter, 4 by recommendation. Members lost six, one by letter, five by exclusion. Present membership 51. Expended for pastor \$120.20, building and repairs \$411.30, heat and lights \$47.31, insurance and miscellaneous items \$26. Total \$604.81. Sunday School, Fair. Average number of pupils 33, officers 2, teachers 4. Inclosed for entrance fee \$5, minutes \$4.41, total \$9.41. Value of church property \$2500. Number of ordained ministers 5. Rev. A. A. Edge of Leeds, Alabama has been called as pastor for the coming year.

By order of Mt. Olive F.W.B. Church the 7th day of September, 1958.

Rev. Roy Isbell, Moderator Lottie Isbell, Clerk, Leeds, Alabama, Route I

WATTSVILLE FIRST CHURCH-Delegates, Bro. Herman Dollar, Bro. Duff Wilson, Bro. Melvin Graggs. State of Religion, good. Members received this year 6. Baptized 2, dismissed 5, 1 died. Total lost 6. Present membership 44. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils 50, officers 2, teachers 5. Paid pastor \$70.65, building and repairs \$500, literature \$47.59, inclosed for minutes and entrance fee \$9. Rev. E. R. Mayo of Glenco, Alabama has been called as pastor for coming year. We have two ministers on our roll.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Moderator Loyalton Ledlow, Clerk, Ashville, Alabama, Route 1

TALLADEGA FIRST-Delegates, Sisters Effie Bradshaw, Ola Epps, Sis. Lee, Sis. Queburger, Sis. Pilkerton. State of Religion, good. New mbebers 22, baptized 24, dismissed 16. Present membership 190. Prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils 126, officers 3, teachers 5. Paid pastor (3 mo.) \$144.46, Evangelist \$93. Enclosed for entrance fee and minutes \$10, ordained ministers 9, licensed 1.

By order of First F. W. B. Church of Talladega the 21st day of September, 1958.

Rev. Buddy Magouyrk, Moderator James L. Watkins, Clerk

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FRIENDSHIP CHURCH-Delegates. Bros. W. B. Endfinger, Willie Kendrick, Paul Davis, H. B. Pardue, Robert Simon. State of Religion, good. New members two. Members lost 16, by letter 12, by death 4. Present membership 121. Prayer meetings, fair. Expended for pastor \$785, Evangelist \$60, janitor

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and supplies \$189.52, heat and lights \$76.66, home missions \$20, piano tuning \$16.26, insurance \$27.77, orphanage \$78.52. Total \$1253.71. Condition of Sunday School, fair. Average number of pupils 46, officers 2, teachers 4. Cost of literature \$82.03, flowers and miscellaneous items \$132.57. Inclosed for entrance fee and minutes \$13. Value of church property \$10,000. Rev. J. T. Windsor has been called as pastor for the coming year. Ordained ministers 3.

We request the next session of the association.

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By order of Friendship F.W.B. Church the 20th day of September, 1958.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Moderator

Robert Simon, Clerk,

Pell City, Alabama

PLEASANT GROVE-Delegates, Sis. Lila May Bishop, Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Pearl O'Donnell. State of Religion, good. New members 8, baptized 6, dismissed 1, total membership 52. Prayer meeting good. Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils 34, officers 2, teachers 4. Expended for pastor \$534.61, evangelist \$75, home mission \$10, building and repairs \$390, offering for childrens home \$139.37, inclosed for entrance fee and minutes \$10. Have called Rev. Mark Edge for pastor for the coming year. Number of ordained ministers 8. By order of Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church the 14th day of Sept., 1958.

> Rev. Mark Edge, Moderator Alfred O'Donnell, Clerk Steele, Alabama

To the Liberty No. 2 Association when convened with Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Ashville, Alabama, Route 1, on September 26-27, 1958.

Greetings from the 1st District Quarterly Meeting. We send as Delegate to represent us, Chester O'Donnell.

We have met four times the past year.

74th Session December 28, 1957. Trinity Church, with eight churches reporting. 11 O'clock Message Rev. J. W. Burnham (Romans 12; Jer. 6) Dev. Saturday night Bro. Naler. Reading the 23rd Psm. 8 o'clock message Rev. S. W. McDonough (Lev. 26:14, 1st Cor. 11).

Business. Exchange Deacons papers with Roy Kieth. Exchange Ministers papers with Clay Engle, Charles Williams. License to preach, Loyalton Ledlow, Leathen Watkin, William Smith. Ordained as deacons. Ordaining Council, Chrm. J. T. Windsor, S. W. McDonough, Odell Parrish, Alfred Ledlow. Deacon D. J. O'Donnell.

H. A. O'Donnell, Moderator Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

75th Session met with Pleasant Grove Church on March 29, 1958, with 9 churches reporting. 11 o'clock message, J. W. Burnham (Rev. 3: 1-4, 12, 15-22), 7 p.m. message Robert Sanders. Buddie Gravette ordained to the ministery. Give Hubert Bishop new papers as his is lost, give clerk the authority to fill in papers with Questioning Council as we cannot find the ordaining Council. We buy four dozen treaties.

Alfred Ledlow, Moderator Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

76th Session met with the 1st Church of Alabama City on June 28, 1958, with 9 churches reporting. 11 o'clock message, J. T. Windsor. Dev. Saturday night Sister Green. 7 o'clock message E. R. Mayo. Bro. Dock Sanders ordained

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to the ministry. W. D. Endfinger as a deacon. Chrm. Leroy Smith, Mark Edge, M. L. Harris, J. 1. Windsor, Marvin Wyatt.

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

77th Session met with the Ralgland Church on August 30, 1958, with ten churches reporting. Chester O'Donnell retained as clerk for the coming year. Credential Committee for the coming year Lige Isbell, Buddy Callahan, U. U. Lambert, Alfred O'Donnell, D. H. Gilbreath. 11 o'clock message Tony Kuburger (Pro. 14:12, 16:25). Dev. Saturday night, Hubert Bishop (St. John 17; 1-16). 8 o'clock message M. L. Harris (St. Matt. 3:1-3). Fill out Deacons papers for Bro. Powell. Exchange papers with Jonah White. License George Lee to preach. That each church take an offering for the youth camp on each 5th Sunday. Ordaining council, Chrm. E. R. Mayo, F. C. Barber, Marvin Wyatt, D. H. Gilbreath, E. L. Isbell.

> S. W. McDonough, Moderator Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

MEETING DATES OF THE QUARTERLY

79tht session-Ider Church, March 28, 1959 80th session-Mt. Olive Dunnavant (Leeds, Route 1) May 30, 1959 81st session-1st Church Talladega, August 29, 1959 82nd session-1st Church Wattsville, November 28, 1959 83rd session-Friendship Church Pell City, January 30, 1960 \$100.00 inclosed for entrance, etc. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

Paul Davis, Assist. Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 13th annual session of the Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention met with Trinity Church on April 26-27, 1958.

Singing led by Bro. J. W. Burnham, No. 53, 44. House called to order by Sect. in the absence of the president service turned to Vice-President, Herman Dollar, who in turn asked Bro. S. W. McDonough to act in his place. Scripture lesson Psm. 122. Prayer by Bro. M. L. Harris.

Letters read and delegates seated, by a move and second.

Sunday School reporting. 1st Sunday School Alabama City, Trinity, Pleasant Grove, Ragland, Wattsville, Friendship.

Appointing of Committees.

Auditing-Herman Dollar, E. R. Mayo, Paul Davis, Chrm.

Business-Marvin Wyatt, Alfred O'Donnell, J. W. Burnham, Chrm.

Report of Standing Committees.

Field Evanglist (oral) adopted. Has visited several Sunday Schools and has turned money over to treasurer of Youth Camp.

While waiting for reports J. W. Burnham led songs No. 154, 50, 38.

Auditing Committee report read and adopted. See reports.

Business Committee report read and accepted and taken up item by item, see reports.

Treasurey report read and adopted.

Camp Ground-No report.

Executive Committee report read and adopted, see report.

Motion carried to go into election of officers. President Rev. E. R. Mayo, Route 1, Glenco, Ala., Vice-President Rev. S. W. McDonough. Motion carried to retain Chester O'Donnell as Sect.-Treasury. Paul Davis elected as his as-

sistant. Field evangelist Rev. S. W. McDonough. Delegate to state convention, Chester O'Donnell.

Vacancies on committees-Executive, Alfred O'Donnell, 3 yrs., Dillard Shirley, 2 yrs., J. T. Windsor, 1 yr.

Camp Ground-Marvin Wyatt, 5 yrs., E. R. Mayo, 4 yrs., Bill Hinds, 3 yrs., J. W. Burnham, 2 yrs., Robert Sanders, 1 yr.

Road committee-Motion carried for President to appoint a new committee chrm. Paul Davis, J. W. Burnham, J. T. Windsor, Herman Dollar, Marvin Wyatt.

Friendship asked for and received the next session of the convention. Motion to stand adjourn till 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Dismissed by Alfred O'Donnell.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1958

The service opened with Bro. S. W. McDonough leading the singing and in charge. Scripture reading (Exo. 11:1, 12:23-28, 14:27-31). Prayer led by Paul Davis.

Classes arranged and teachers took charge.

Bible Class Men-D. J. O'Donnell, S. W. McDonough, teachers, 16 present, \$4.44.

Ladies-Alma Mayo, teacher, 14 present, \$2.70

Junior Class-Essie Dollar, Rhonda O'Donnell, teachers, 18 present, \$1.01. Card Class-Annie Atkin, Mary Louis Wright, teachers, 22 present, 85c

Officers and teachers present 8, pupils 70, total 78, offering \$9.00.

Singing by Card Class, three numbers. Service turned to pastor for the purpose of receiving the morning offering as it is being taken, H. A. O'Donnell led song, "Alter of Prayer."

Song by the Wright Family and Bro. E. R. Mayo. Song by Sister Wells, Sister Dollar, and Bro. Ledlow. "While the Ages Roll On." Sister Wells sang "The Cross Road of Life."

11 o'clock message by Rev. E. R. Mayo "Awake" (Romans 13:11, Rev. 3:20, Titus 2:11). Invitation song number 281, no respond. Dismissed for lunch. Met back at 1 p.m., service in charge of Clyde Bishop.

Sunday afternoon opened with Bro. McDonough leading the singing numbers 93, 130. Scripture lesson (Isa. 32:1-7) Prayer by Alfred Ledlow. Wattsville's program—Singing—Scripture reading—song—Bible Verses by the children. Special singing by the Wright Family and Bro. Mayo two songs. Bro. Virgel Compton a Weslen Methodist minister gave us a short message (II Kings 6:1-7). Sister Wells, Sister Dollar and Bro. Ledlow sang three songs. Sister Dollar sang a solo. Paul Davis gave a talk about the league and Sunday School. Item 1 of the Business Committee read and rejected.

Minutes read and accepted. Motion made to stand adjourn to meet with Friendship Sunday School at Pell City, Ala., at 2 p.m. on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April 1959. (April 25, 26, 1959). Dismissed by D. J. O'Donnell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing-\$25 enclosed with letters, Wattsville church will bring their entrance fee tomorrow making a total of \$30 for six Sunday Schools. Clerks book examined and found in order with all money correct. We commend the clerk-treasury in his books being in fine order.

CLERK-TREASURER

On hand \$113.64. Received \$52.45. Total in Youth Camp \$166.09. From Friendship \$44.10, Pleasant Grove \$8.35, Convention on hand from 1956, \$22.74,

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from entrance fee, \$35, Sunday School offering \$4.15, Total \$39.15. Grand total \$61.89. Less radio broadcast \$8, clerk \$5, paper 30c. Total spent \$13.30. Balance in treasury April 25, 1958, \$48.59.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item 1-That we meet at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning to transact business instead of Saturday afternoon. (Change in the Constitution Article 2) rejected.

Item 2-All unfinished business at 10 a.m. ge deferred till afternoon. Rejected.

Item 3-That all churches and Sunday Schools call off services and go to Convention. Carried.

Item 4—That the road committee be a standing committee and we drop the present committee. Rejected.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

See teachers and preacher for Sunday.

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 Consitution 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

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proposed amendment or alteration. Any amendment or alteration voted by this body shall be final.

ASSOCIATIONAL RULINGS

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1. Each Minister, Ordained or Licensed, must report in person or by letter to each session of this Association to receive proper credentials for the coming year. Unless he is too old, or to 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 affilite 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 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 ordined 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

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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, Gudie 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 disobediance 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 Condition 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 perservere 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