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FRIDAY MORNING

The session opened with singing led by Rev. Charlie Carlisle and Rev. Johnny Johnson.

The clerk called the house to order, for any business to come before it.

The Assistant Moderator, the Rev. A. A. Edge, took charge, until new officers were installed. Rev. Percy Stokes was put on the Credential Committee in the absence of Rev. Eugene Howard. The Moderator read the scripture, Psalms 24.

Rev. E. R. Mayo led in prayer. More class singing was led by Rev. Jimmy Wycoff and Rev. Charlie Carlisle.

Credential report. Motion carried to accept the report with the business left out, to be referred to the business committee. Motion carried to read the letters and seat the delegates. Churches reporting: Eight. Ragland, Mt. Olive, Talladega, Wattsville, Guiding Light, Lookout Mountain, Friendship and Pleasant Grove.

Moved and seconded to accept the letters. The body voted that the Moderator appoint a Devotional Committee. Those appointed were Bro. Harold Duckett, Sis. Bessie Edge, and Bro. Thomas Samples.

Motion carried to go into the elections of officers for this session. For Moderator, Rev. Clay Engle, and Rev. O. O. Parrish. Motion carried to close nominations. Rev. Clay Engle was elected. New Moderator took charge, reading Psalms 15.

Rev. Jimmy Wycoff and Rev. O. O. Parrish were nominated for Assistant Moderator. Rev. O. O. Parrish was elected.

Nominations for Clerk-Treasurer were Rev. Robert Simon and Rev. E. R. Mayo. Nominations closed. Rev. Robert Simon was elected. Rev. E. R. Mayo was elected Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Moderator for the new session then appointed the following Committees:

BUSINESS

Bro. Paul Davis

Rev. Jimmy Wycoff

Rev. E. L. Isbell

Rev. A. A. Bradshaw

Rev. Maxwell Gallops

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Leroy Smith

Rev. H. E. Mitchell

Dea. D. J. O'Donnell

Rev. Cleo Elders

Rev. Earl Isbell

ORGANIZING COUNCIL

Rev. Clyde Willis, 1 yr.

Rev. W. C. Patterson, 2 yrs.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, 3 yrs.

Rev. Leroy Smith, 4 yrs.

Rev. J. S. Howell, 5 yrs.

FAMILY RELIGION

Sis. Lena Johnson

Sis. Hattie Owens

Sis. Joan Kay

MINISTERIAL STANDING

Dea. Paul Davis

Dea. D. J. O'Donnell

Dea. Johnny Johnson

TEMPERANCE

Sis. Bell Callahan

Sis. Thelma Eastes

Sis. Ophelia Parrish

DECEASED

Bro. Vernon Webber

Bro. Charles Simon

Bro. Harold Duckett

MINUTES OF LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

EDUCATION

Sis. Mark Edge

Sis. Granny Callahan

Sis. D. J. O'Donnell

RESOLUTION

Sis. Pat Barber

Sis. Betty Davidson

Sis. Delane Isbell

EXECUTIVE

Rev. Percy Stokes

Rev. Maxwell Gallops

Rev. Chester O'Donnell

CREDENTIAL (1964)

Rev. C. L. Carlisle

Dea. Johnny Johnson

Rev. Percy Stokes

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCHOOL SCHOOL

Bro. Thomas Samples Rev. C. L. Carlisle

Rev. Earl Isbell

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. E. R. Mayo, 1 yr.

Rev. A. A. Edge. 2 yrs.

Dea. Jonah White, 3 yrs.

AUDITING

Rev. A. A. Edge

Rev. Chester O'Donnell

Rev. Leroy Smith

LITERATURE

Sis. Mark Edge

Sis. Granny Callahan

Sis. Pat Barber

Motion carried that the business part of the session stand adjourned until this afternoon.

Rev. E. R. Mayo took charge of the 11:00 O'clock hour, reading scripture, Matthew 27, verse 27. Thought: "Others." We enjoyed this good message, after which we enjoyed some good testimonies. Then we were dismissed for the noon hour by the Rev. A. A. Bradshaw, to meet back at 1:00 O'clock.

1:06 O'clock, we gathered back at the building and enjoyed some good class singing led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle. House called to order by Clerk and the Moderator took charge, reading entire chapter of Job 14. Prayer led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle.

Moved and seconded to seat Rev. Richmond Howard as corresponding messenger from the Cahaba River Association.

Moved and seconded to stand adjourned until tonight.

SATURDAY MORNING

Some class singing began at 9:00 O'clock. House called to order at 9:10 O'clock. Moderator took charge, reading Psalms 1. Altar prayer by Rev. Earl Isbell. At this time the Moderator appointed another Devotional Committee, to get someone for the service tonight: Bro. Harold Duckett, Bro. Calvin Barber, and Bro. D. J. O'Donnell.

Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Auditing Committee. (See Committee Reports).

Rev. Leroy Smith appointed to the Credential Committee.

Song, "Sweet By and By" and "When I Can Read My Title Clear."
Motion carried to accept the report of the Devotional Committee. (See
Commbittee Reports).

Motion carried to accept the report of the Deceased Committee. (See Committee Reports).

Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Home Mission Board as read.

Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Devotional Committee to substitute for Rev. J. E. Self, should he fail to get here.

We, your Credential Committee, have examined the letter of the Quarterly Meeting and find it in order. We, your Credential Committee, ask that the Association accept the work of the Quarterly Meeting.

Call for song, "Wonderful Jesus." Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Business Committee and to table it until this afternoon.

Prayer led by Rev. J. T. Windsor. Rev. Mark Edge took charge of the 11:00 O'clock hour, as Rev. J. E. Self could not be with us. Scripture reading, St. John 21 verses 12-17. Thought: "Feed My Sheep." Prayer led by Rev. Mark Edge.

Motion carried to stand adjourned until 1:00 O'clock for lunch. Dismissed by Rev. White. Singing began at 1:00 O'clock, with a special, "I'm Gonna Rise to the Sky" by Sis. Delane Isbell.

Clerk called the body to order at 1:05 O'clock. Moderator took charge, reading Matthew 5, verses 3-16. Altar prayer led by Rev. A. A. Edge.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Ministerial Standing Committee. (See Committee Reports).

At this time we enjoyed a short talk by Bro. Paul Davis about the Children's Home. Scripture reading, 2nd James 2, verses 14-20.

Moved and seconded to accept this oral report of Bro. Davis.

At this time some members of the Wattsville Church sang, "Go Back To Bethel", while an offering of \$31.00 was taken for the Children's Home.

Moved and seconded to bring the Business from the table and take it up item by item. We, your Business Committee, recommend:

Item 1.—Carried—That Bro. Howard Kay, from the Ragland Church be called in question and if found worthy, be granted license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Item 2-Carried-That Bro. J. B. Chamblis be called in question and if found worthy, be ordained Deacon for the Ragland Church.

Item 3-Carried-That Bro. Percy Stokes be examined and if found worthy, be ordained to the full Gospel Ministry from Mt. Olive.

Item 4—Carried—We recommend the body take steps in issuing Paul J. Stevens, papers with the name of the council in them. (We have a letter from him requesting so).

Item 5-Carried—That the Association limit and back the trustee of the Children's Home to the amount of \$100.00, that he might pledge for the Association when something needful comes up.

Item 6—Carried—Be inserted in our Associational ruling the number of delegates a church can send to a conference as in our treatise.

Item 7—Carried—We recommend that a committee of three ordained men be appointed by the Moderator to talk with the officials of Trinity Church to see if there is any way we can help them.

Item 8—Carried—We recommend that the Association give the Sister Churches in Sylacauga an offering to help them feed the people at the State Association.

Item 9—Carried—We recommend that our records be searched and a minute or volume be printed of all the important business transacted in our past history.

Item 10—Carried—We recommend to the body, that the churches of this Association receive an offering to help the Lookout Mountain Church get some seats.

Item 11—Carried—We recommend that Bro. Dee West of Friendship Church be given new papers as his were destroyed when his home burned. He was ordained in the Cahaba River Association or Qarterly Meeting.

Item 12-Carried-That no church has asked for the next Associa-

tion. We recommend any church wanting the Association ask from the floor and it be voted on. (Carried). Wattsville Church asked for it. (Carried).

Item 13—Carried—We recommend that the Association give the church of Sylacauga \$25.00 to help them in the expense of the Association.

Item 14-Carried-We recommend that the Moderator appoint the delegates to represent at the State Association.

Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Ordaining Council, for licensing Bro. Howard Kay. For ordaining Bro. Percy Stokes and Bro. J. B. Chamblis.

This body gave way for the Ministers' Conference for the purpose of receiving new members, Bro. Howard Kay came forward.

Moved and seconded for a vote of rising thanks for the ladies of this church for the good food and the hospitality that was shown in this setting. Carried.

Devotional Committee report, that Rev. Percy Stokes bring the message tonight.

At this time the Moderator appointed the delegates to the State Association: 1- Bro. Paul Davis; 2- Rev. Chester O'Donnell; 3- Bro. Buddy Callahan; 4- Rev. Percy Stokes; 5- Bro. Howard Kay; 6- Bro. Fred McCory; 7- Rev. Cleo Elders; and 8- Bro. Johnny Johnson.

Moved and seconded to read the minutes.

Moved and seconded to adopt the minutes as read with proper ammendments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, the Devotional Committee, recommend Rev. J. E. Self for the 11:00 O'clock hour Saturday. The devotion Saturday night, Bro. Calvin Barber. For the message Saturday night, Rev. Percy Stokes.

We, the Family Religion Committee, recommend that all homes hold God supreme in all things. We urge Christian literature to be used and taught in the home. That each home have family prayer at least once each day. Each family have a devotion each night.

We, the Education Committee, wish to recommend to leave the last report as is. That each one have Bible reading and study so that he may be acquainted with the truth of the scriptures. That the parents teach their children at home the Holy Scriptures in order that they will be able to better understand the ways of Atheism and Communism. That all homes be supplied with Christian literature.

We, the Literature Committee, recommend that our people cling to the King James version of the Bible, and faithfully discharge our duty in promoting the use of our Free Will Baptist literature.

We, the Temperance Committee, strongly recommend that we take a firm stand against alcoholic beverages in all form. To enourage our young people to refrain from the use of it, and humbly strive for the temperance in our daily life.

We, your Ministerial Standing Committee, recommend that the ministers who reported to the Ministers Conference in person or by letter be granted a Certificate of Standing. If any join, they be granted one too.

We, your Auditing Committee, wish to report that we have examined the books of the Association Clerk and the Home Mission Board and find them in order.

We, your Deceased Committee, are grieved to report the loss of our dear brothers and sisters by death: Rev. M. L. Harris of Lookout Moun-

tain Church; Bro. Walter Callahan of Guiding Light Church; Sis. Cora Bishop of Pleasant Grove Church; and Sis. Collie Isbell of Mt. Olive Church.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee was contacted by mail and in person and they acted on the following: 1- Due to the circumstances of Rev. Alfred Ledlow case, he was granted a Certificate of Standing; 2- Davis Chapel Church asked the Association for a Letter of Dismission, as the Clerk of the Association did not get their letter in time to bring to the Association. We recommend that the Clerk write a Letter of Dismissal in Good Standing.

We, your Credential Committee, have examined the Letters and find them in order, with Eight Churches reporting:

QUARTERLY MEETING FOR 1964

MT. ZION	(99)	March	28,	1964
TALLADEGA	(100)	May	30,	1964
WATTSVILLE	(101)	August	29,	1964
FRIENDSHIP	(102)	November	28,	1964
TRINITY	(103)	January	30,	1965

CHURCH LETTERS

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. Delegate, Bro. Thomas Samples. (Alternate), Sis. Ophelia Parrish. State of Church, good. Members received this year, 7. By Baptism, 2; by letter, 4; and by recommendation, 1. Total, 7. Loss by death, 1. Total, 1. Expanded for pastor, none. Evangelist, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$1,000.00; heat and lights, \$150.00; Orphanage, \$16.70. Total, \$1,126.00. Present membership, 25. Enclosed for entrance fee, \$15.00; minutes, \$5.00. Total, \$20.00. We have called Rev. A. G. Robershaw of R. F. D. 1, Attalla, Alabama for pastor.

Rev. A. G. Robershaw, Moderator Wesley R. Robershaw, Clerk Protem

RAGLAND. Delegates: Sis. Bessie Edge, Sis. Betty Davidson. (Alternate) Sis. Joan Kay. State of religion, good. Members received this year, 3. By letter, 3; Total, 3. Loss, none. Present membership, 35. Expanded for pastor, \$142.90; Evangelist, \$95.00; Building and repairs, \$576.49; Heat and lights, \$76.42; Orphanage, \$50.00. Total, \$840.81. Enclosed for Entrance Fee, \$15.00; Minutes, \$3.00. Total, \$18.00. We have now called the Rev. Mark Edge of Ragland, Alabama, for pastor. Number of Ordained Ministers, 1.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Moderator J. B. Chamblis, Clerk

FRIENDSHIP. Delegates: Bro. H. B. Pardue, Bro. Vernon Webber, Bro. Carliss Hollis, Bro. Willie Kendrick, and Bro. Charles Simon. (Alternate), Bro. Ben Howard. State of religion, good. Members received this year, 7. By baptism, 1; by letter, 5; by statement, 1. Total, 7. Present membership, 129. Prayer meeting, good. Expanded for pastor, \$600.00; Evangelist, \$175.00; Building and repairs, \$26.76; Heat and lights, \$76.99; Insurance and other items, \$28.00. Total, \$878.75. Enclosed for Entrance Fee, \$15.00; Minutes, \$10.00. Total, \$25.00. We have called the Rev. W. C. Patterson of Pell City, Alabama for pastor.

Rev. W. C. Patterson, Moderator Robert Simon, Clerk TALLADEGA. Delegates: Bro. Cleo Elders, Bro. A. A. Bradshaw, Bro. John Howell, Bro. L. D. Jones. State of religion, good. Members received this year, 10. By baptism, 5; by letter, 1; by statement, 4. Total, 10. Loss: by letter, 1; by death, 2. Total, 3. Present membership, 90. Expanded for pastor, \$745.50; Evangelist, \$60.00; Building and repairs, \$82.32; Heat and lights, \$140.60; Insurance and other items, \$447.77; Orphanage, \$20.00. Total, \$1,505.09. Enclosed for Entrance Fee, \$15.00; Minutes, \$5.00. Total, \$20.00. We have called Rev. J. T. Windsor of Pell City, Alabama for pastor. Number of ordained ministers, 5. Number of licensed ministers, 1.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Moderator Irene Warlick, Clerk

WATTSVILLE. Delegates: Bro. Marvin Bishop, Bro. Fred McCrory, Bro. Arthur Rich, Bro. Maxwell Gallops. State of religion, fair. Members received this year, 5. By baptism, 3; by letter, 2. Total, 5. Loss: by letter, 3; by exclusion, 1; by death, 1. Total, 5. Expanded for pastors, \$337.00; Evangelist, \$238.18; Building and repairs, \$513.47; Heat and lights, \$136.35; Foreign mission, \$23.40; Insurance and other items, \$754.25. Total, \$1,248.40. Enclosed for Entrance Fee, \$15.00; Minutes, \$10.00. Total enclosed, \$25.00. We have called Rev. Nathan Gibson of Cleveland, Ohio for pastor. Rev. E. R. Mayo, assistant pastor. Number of ordained ministers, 3.

Rev. E. R. Mayo, Moderator Herman Dollar, Clerk

GUIDING LIGHT. Delegates: Sis. Granny Callahan, Sis. Lena Johnson, Sis. Mary Jo Barber, Sis. Thelma Eastes, Sis. Bell Callahan, Sis. Hattie Owens, Sis. Leoni Ramsey. State of religion, good. Members received this year, 1. By statement, 1. Total, 1. Loss: By letter, 7; by death, 2. Total, 9. Expanded for pastor, \$398.00; Evangelist, \$76.00; Building and repairs, \$85.05; Heat and lights, \$73.01; Insurance and other items, \$265.80. Total, \$897.86. Enclosed for Entrance Fee, \$15.00; Minutes, \$5.00. Total enclosed, \$20.00. We have called the Rev. H. G. Mitchell of Pell City, Alabama for pastor.

Bro. Houston Ramsey, Moderator Lillian Callahan, Clerk

MT. OLIVE. Delegates: Bro. Earl Isbell, Bro. Percy Stokes, Sis. Delane Isbell, Bro. Harold Duckett. State of religion, good. Members received this year, 9. By baptism, 5; by letter, 1; by recommendation, 1; by statement, 2. Total, 9 Loss: by letter, 3; by death, 1. Total, 4. Expanded for pastor, \$360.39; Evangelist, \$54.00; Building and repairs, \$38.29; Insurance and other items, \$45.50, Orphanage, \$204.75; Total, \$736.22. We have called the Rev. H. E. White, R. F. D. 1, Sterrett, Alabama for pastor for year.

Rev. H. E. White, Moderator Chestee Isbell, Clerk

PLEASANT GROVE. Delegates: Bro, D. J. O'Donnell, Sis. Irma O'-Donnell, Bro. Alfred O'Donnell. State of religion, good. Members received this year, none. Loss: By letter, 1; by death, 1. Total, 2. Expanded for pastor, \$201.17; Evangelist, \$60.00; Heat and lights, \$34.79; Home mission, \$17.00; Other items, \$107.25; Orphanage, \$233.95; Total, \$654.19. Enclosed for Entrance Fee, \$15.00; Minutes, \$5.00; Total, 20.00. We have called the Rev. Amon Edge of Leeds, Alabama for pastor.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Moderator Alfred O'Donnell, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegates: Bro. Thurmond Smith, Bro. Sam Kimbley, (Alternate). Member churches received this year, none. Member churches lost this year, one. Ider Free Will Baptist Church enclosed for entrance fee, \$15.00.

MEETINGS PAST YEAR

94th omitted.

95th session met Jan. 26, 1963 with Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Asheville, Alabama with 9 churches reporting. Rev. Henry Barber was ordained to preach the gospel. Ordaining Council: Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Chairman, Rev. A. A. Edge, Rev. J. E. Self, Rev. E. R. Mayo, Rev. C. L. Carlisle. Moved and seconded to send committee to visit Ider Church.

Rev. A. G. Robershaw, Moderator Loyalton Ledlow, Clerk

96th session met April 27, 1963 with the Ragland Church with 8 churches reporting. Received report of committee sent to visit Ider Church. Found the church disbanded and request made by Bro. Gilbreath to drop said church from Quarterly Meeting. Request granted.

Rev. Mark Edge, Moderator

Loyalton Ledlow, Clerk

97th session met with Lookout Mountain Church with 8 churches reporting. Elected standing officers of Quarterly Meeting: Loyalton Ledlow elected Clerk, Chester O'Donnell elected Sssistant Clerk. Extended Rev. Percy Stokes' license for one year. Ordained Bro. Thurmond Smith for Deacon for Talladega Church. Moved and seconded to support Bro. Paul Davis in the amount of \$40.00 for Children's Home Building Fund. Ordaining Council: Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Chairman, Rev. Robert Simon, Rev. Leroy Smith, Rev. Mark Edge, and Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

Rev. A. G. Robershaw, Moderator Loyalton Ledlow, Clerk

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 6.91		
Balance brought forward In letters for Minutes	51,00		
In letters for Entrance Fees	135.00		
In letters for Children's Home	60.00		
Ministers and Deacons fees	18.00		
TOTAL		\$	270.92
PAID OUT			
Clark Theorem	\$ 25.00		
Clerk-Treasurer	10.00		
Moderator			
Postage and paper	1.67		
Entrance Fee for State Association			
Children's Home	60.00	6	
Minutes	105.12		
Trustee for Children's Home	40.00		
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$	257.79
BALANCE IN TREASURY			11.13

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

Balance brought forward \$ 12.	077	
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TOTAL	\$	120.87
Paid Out For Year		
Paid to J. H. Bishop \$ 101	.50	
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$	101.50
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$	19.37
Balance Intent Fund	\$	444.97
CLERK OF QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT		
Received in 1962	32	
Entrance Fees 125	00	
TOTAL TAKEN IN	\$	173.32
Paid Out		
Children's Home \$ 40	.00	
	.00	
Entrance Fees to Association15	.00	
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$	70.00
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$	103.32
Loyalton Ledlow, Clerk		

FRIDAY NIGHT

The 29th session of the Ministers' Conference opened with some class singing led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle.

The Clerk called the house to order at 7:15 O'clock and turned the services to the former Moderator. Scripture reading, Psalms 41, verses 1-3. Prayer led by the Rev. Mark Edge.

Opportunity for membership given. Bro. Pat Barber, Bro. H. G. Mitchell, Bro. John Haisten, and Bro. O. O. Parrish came forward. Moved and seconded to accept these Brothers in the Ministers' Conference.

Moved and seconded to elect officers for this session. For Moderator, Bro. C. L. Carlisle, Bro. Percy Stokes. Bro. C. L. Carlisle elected. For Assistant Moderator, Bro. Percy Stokes, Bro. J. T. Windsor, Bro. Percy Stokes elected. For Clerk, Bro. Chester O'Donnell, Bro. Robert Simon. Bro. Chester O'Donnell elected. Assistant Clerk, Bro. Robert Simon elected.

Motion carried to accept the work of the Associational Committee in granting Bro. Alfred Ledlow a Certificate of Standing. Motion carried that we ask the Association to grant the ministers who answered in person or by letter, Certificates of Standing for the coming year. Motion carried to grant the Executive Committee power to grant Bro. W. T. Mulligan a Certificate of Standing when he comes out of the hospital, if found worthy.

Bro. F. C. Barber asked for a Letter of Recommendation from this Ministers' Conference to the Cahaba River Association. Motion carried to accept. Bro. John Haisten asked for a Letter of Recommendation to the Cahaba River Association. Motion carried to accept.

Moved and seconded to drop the names of Rev. S. W. McDonough, Rev. J. H. Bishop, Rev. Clyde Bishop, Rev. Marion Jones, Rev. Eugene Howard from the rolls as they did not answer or report.

Moved and seconded to grant Rev. Leroy Smith a Life Time Certificate of Standing, as he is over 65 years of age. Motion carried that this body stay open until tomorrow to receive new members. Motion carried to appoint a speaker for next year. Rev. J. T. Windsor appointed. Sub-

ject to speak on, "Lost." Motion carried to read the minutes. Motion carried to accept the minutes as read, with proper amendments.

Motion carried to stand adjourned until next year.

Rev. W. C. Patterson took the stand, reading scripture 1st Peter, 1, verses 18-20. Subject used, "The Blood." Prayer led by Rev. W. C. Patterson. Song, "Who At My Door Is Standing." Dismissed by Rev. Goodwin.

MINISTERS' ROLL

- * Answered By Letter. ** Paid Registration Fee.
- * Rev. Clarence O'Donnell, Box 74, Ashville, Alabama
- ** Rev. J. T. Windsor, 604 29th St., Pell City, Alabama Rev. H. A. O'Donnell (L. T. C.), R. F. D. 1, Ashville, Alabama
- ** Rev. C. L. Carlisle, 409 30th St., Pell City, Alabama
- ** Rev. Cheater O'Donnell, R. F. D. 1, Ashville, Alabama Rev. W. C. Patterson, 3309 8th Ave N., Pell City, Alabama
- ** Rev. A. A. Edge, Leeds, Alabama
- ** Rev. Mark Edge, Box 117, Ragland, Alabama
- * Rev. Clyde Willis, Crestview Gardens, Pell City, Alabama
- Rev. J. S. Howell (L. T. C.), 150 Curry Court, Talladega, Alabama
- ** Rev. E. L. (Lige) Isbell, (L. T. C.), R. F. D. 1, Sterrett, Alabama
- Rev. A. A. Bradshaw, 603 Booker St., Talladega, Alabama
- ** Rev. E. R. Mayo, R. F. D. 2, Ashville, Alabama
- ** Rev. Clay Engle, 317 N. 2nd Ave. E., Gadsden, Alabama
- ** Rev. Earl Isbell, R. F. D. 1, Leeds, Alabama Rev. Cleo Elders, Box 85, Talladega, Alabama
- ** Rev. Robert Simon, 502 30th St. N., Pell City, Alabama
- ** Rev. Maxwell Gallops, R. F. D. 1, Pell City, Alabama
- ** Rev. J. J. Coffee, Alabama City Station, Gadsden, Alabama
- ** Rev. J. E. Self, (L. T. C.), Gadsden, Alabama
- * Rev. A. G. Robershaw, R. F. D. 1, Attalla, Alabama
- ** Rev Leroy Smith, (L. T. C.), 506 29th St. N., Pell City, Alabama Rev. James Wycuff, 2302 White Ave., Gadsden, Alabama
- ** Rev. Percy Stokes, R. F. D. 1, Leeds, Alabama
- ** Rev. H. G. Mitchell, R. F. D. 1, Pell City, Alabama
- ** Rev. O. O. Parrish, Gadsden, Alabama
 - Rev. Pat Barber, R. F. D. 1, Pell City, Alabama
 - Rev. Howard Kay, Ragland, Alabama
- The following Deacons paid \$1.00 registration fees: Paul Davis, D. J. O'Donnell, Johnny Johnson, Jonah White, Calvin Barber, Max E. Mayo, and Buddy Callahan.

ASSOCIATIONAL RULINGS

- 1. Each Minister, Ordained or Licensed, must report in person or by letter to each session of this Association to receive proper credentials for the coming year. Unless he is too old, or too feeble to attend, then he, as a Free Will Baptist Minister, receives a life time certificate of standing.
- Each Minister, Ordained or Licensed, of churches belonging to this Association is expected to affiliate with Ministers' Conference and cannot be recognized as a minister nor pastor churches of this Association except they comply with this ruling.
- 3. Each Ordained Minister must bear yearly certificates of standing to be eligible to pastor churches of this Association, License of all Licensed Ministers must be renewed.
- 4. Ministers coming to us from another denomination must hold membership in some church of this Association for one (1) year before being eligible to pastor churches of this Association.
- 5. Licensed Ministers must bear license for one (1) year before being eligible for ordination unless called to pastor a church, then he can be Ordained before a year is finished.
- 6. Churches must use letter forms 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. Clerk be elected for two (2) years beginning in 1961.
 - 8. That this body adopt a unified program,
- 9. That this body rules that any Ministers of this Association has the right to use the tent when not being used by regular elected Evangelist by inviting the regular Evangelist to assist him in the revival.
- 10. That each church pay an entrance fee of \$15.00. Same to be used for expense of the Association. Passed 1961.
- 11. That the Ministers' Conference convene on Friday night instead of Friday evening as heretofore practiced.
- 12. That the Clerk be paid \$25.00 each term for his services and the Moderator be paid \$10.00.
- 13. That the Moderator appoint all standing committees and any other committee.
- 14. That there be no church organized without seven (7) charter members. 1947.
- 15. This body try to buy the property or land when and where a new church is organized. The deeds be made in a way that if it should not be pleased to remain a Free Will Baptist Church that the property divert back to the Quarterly Meeting or Association that purchased the property or land. (Passed 1961).
- 16. That each Ordained man (Ministers and Deacons) and Licensed Ministers pay \$1.00 to register to vote in the Association. This does not apply to those sent as delegates from their churches. (Passed 1961).
- 17. Each church being entitled to one (1) delegate. Every church containing fifty (50) members be entitled to two (2) delegates, and one (1) additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or major fraction.

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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. Psalms 22:28; 97:2.
- 6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation, his posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:17; 3:19.
- 7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. I John 2:2.
- 8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are: (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose of 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 became 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. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. St. John 15:6; II Peter 2:20-22.
- 13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers. Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5; 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 principles 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 Savior 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 with us
- 5. Reading of previous minutes
- 6. Unfinished business
- 7. Appointment of committees
- 8. Acknowledgements
- 9. Committee reports
- 10. New Business
- 11. Adjournment

LIBERTY NO. 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 18th Session of Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention met with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Ashville, Alabama, on April 20 & 21, 1963.

The Saturday afternoon session opened with Bro. Arthur Ritch directing the singing and Miss Jere Davis at the piano. Hymn No. 145, "I Love My Savior, Too" and No. 44, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

The Vice-President, Bro. Calvin Barber, took charge in the absence of the President and read the entire 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Prayer was led by Bro. D. J. O'Donnell,

Letters were read from the following Sunday Schools: Talladega First Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Ragland Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Friendship Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Wattsville Free Will Baptist Sunday School, and Trinity Free Will Baptist Sunday School. Motion carried to accept letters as read and to seat the delegates. Delegates seated with all member Sunday Schools reporting.

Bro. Calvin Barber asked that in view of the fact that the duly elected president is no longer in this Association and is pastoring a Church outside this Association, the body elect an assistant president to help him in this session. Moved, seconded, and carried to go into election of an assistant for Bro. Barber. The Rev. E. R. Mayo was nominated. Nominations closed and Bro. Mayo declared elected.

Motion carried that the President make the committee appointments.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Chairman Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Bro. Wil-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Bro. Vernon Thrower, 3 yrs.; Rev. J. T. Windsor, 2 yrs.; and Rev. Clay Engle, 1 yr. (Chairman).

Before making an appointment to the Camp Ground Committee, Bro. Paul Davis gave a report of the work done by this committee and also a partial report of the Executive Committee when convened with the Camp Ground Committee. The Executive Committee changed the meeting date of the Sunday School Convention for 1963 from the 4th Saturday and Sunday in April to 3rd Saturday and Sunday due to the Quarterly Meeting being changed to 4th Saturday in April. The Executive Committee also put the Rev. E. R. Mayo on the Camp Ground Committee due to Bro. Levernon Davis not being in the state any more. The Camp Ground Committee agreed to let the Rev. E. R. Mayo decide the location for the building site and for us to get site leveled off for building. Bro. Mayo was advised as to the amount of money in the Camp Fund, \$1,579.49 and the Convention Fund, \$93.11. Motion carried to accept report.

The Rev. E. R. Mayo stated he may move out of the state and requested the President appoint someone in his place on the Camp Ground Committee. President appointed Bro. Arthur Ritch to the 5 yr. place and the Rev. A. A. Edge to the 3 yr. place. (For full list of committee members, see Sunday minutes).

ROAD COMMITTEE—(Standing, no change)—Bro. Paul Davis, Chairman; Rev. Mark Edge; Rev. Loyalton Ledlow; Rev. Robert Simon; and Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

Road Committee Report—Work has been completed as far as getting road up to the mountain. Road is at present in good condition, but Commissioner has promised chirt should not be needed in the future. Space has been cleared and leveled for a building site. Power lines will be run when liam Dyson, and Bro. Paul Davis.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—Chairman Rev. J. T. Windsor, Rev. E. R. Mayo, and Sis. Faith Wiggins.

material is ready to go onto site as power company wants to be sure the power will be used when running the line. The Road Committee would especially like to commend Bro. Barto Endfinger for the excellent work he did in assisting this committee. Although well along in years, Bro. Endfinger went when the committee members were working and unable to go and performed valuable services in this great work. The Committee also recommended that the Secretary write a letter of appreciation to the Commissioner's Court thanking them for the help they have been in putting in the road. Motion carried to receive the report and to instruct the secretary to write letter.

While the Auditing Committee and Business Committee were out, the Friendship Trio—Miss Jere Davis, Miss Anette Barber, and Miss Delane Barber—sang "I See Jesus" and "It's Different Now."

Executive Committee report of Teachers and Preachers for Sunday Services read and adopted.

Auditing Committee report—Books were found to be in order and the money correct. Motion carried to accept the report and release committee.

Report of Sunday School Convention Fund and Youth Camp Fund:

S. S. CONVENTION

YOUTH CAMP

On hand, 4/21/62 S. S. Entrance Fee, 1963 S. S. Offering, 1962 TOTAL		30.00 19.69	On Hand, 4/21/62 Offering at '62 Conv. Quarterly Meeting Pleasant Grove Ch & S. S.		1,579.74 30.52 25.00 35.72
Paid Out			Alfred O'Donnell		50.00
Secretary for 1962	\$	5.00	Friendship Ch. & S. S. TOTAL		1,780.98
Ent. Fee to State Conv.	2	9.00	Paid Out		
Best Program Plaques		2.38	Addt'l. Right-of-Way	\$	50.00
Delegate Exp. to State Con.		20.00	Deed		5.00
TOTAL Paid Out	\$	36.38	TOTAL Paid Out	\$	55.00
Balance, 4/20/63	\$	106.42	Balance, 4/20/63	\$	1,725.98
Data 100, 1/20/00	4	200.22	Data 100, 1/20/00	4	1,120.00

Motion carried to accept report of Treasurer. Friendship Trio, together with Faith and Hope Wiggins sang "What A Happy Day" and "I'm Bound for the Kngdom."

Business Committee gave a partial report. Motion carried to receive report and take up Business item by item.

Item .1. We recommend the future sessions of the Sunday School Convention be held on the first (1st) Sunday and preceding Saturday in May. Motion carried to adopt. Moved and seconded to add to this item "That Artcle 2 of the Constitution of the Sunday School Convention be amended to take care of this change." Motion carried by over 2/3 majority of those present.

Item 2. We recommend that the next session of the Convention be held on the Camp Grounds if possible. It not, to be held with the Friendship Church at Pell City, Alabama. Carried.

Item 3. We recommend that the value of the Camp Ground Property be increased to \$2,500.00 and that this amount be entered on our records. Moved and seconded to accept. Moved to amend this item to show a valuation of \$6,000.00 instead of \$2,500.00. Seconded. Carried.

Motion carried to go into election of Officers for coming year. Nominations for President: Bro. Paul Davis, Bro. Clay Engle. Nominations

closed and Bro. Paul Davis elected.

For Vice-President: Bro. Clay Engle. Nominations closed and Bro. Engle declared elected.

For Secretary-Treasurer: Sis. Helen Mayo. Declined. Motion carried to move the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Chester O'Donnell, up as Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year. Address: Route 1, Ashville, Alabama.

For Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Sis. Helen Mayo. Elected.

For Promotional Secretary: Bro. Calvin Barber. Nominations closed and Bro. Barber elected.

Delegates appointed to State Sunday School Convention to meet June 7 and 8 at Leeds, Alabama: Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Bro. Paul Davis, Sis. Faith Wiggins, Sis. Jere Davis, Sis. Annette Barber, and Sis. Delane Barber.

Due to the fact that the member Churches have failed to recommend a trustee from their number to serve and represent them in the Youth Camp business, the former appointees will serve until such time as the member Churches recommends a trustee to the body.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until Sunday, April 21, 1963.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st

Sunday morning service were opened with Bro. Arthur Ritch leading the singing of No. 174, "I'm Saved." Friendship Trio sang, "Looking for Jesus." Bro. A. Ritch led No. 151, "When the Saints Go Marching In" with Miss Annette Barber at the piano.

President Calvin Barber gave the welcome address. The Rev. W. C. Patterson led in prayer.

Lesson for today, "Psalms in Worship and Life." President read memory selection, Psalms 73:26. Following roll call of teachers, classes took their places and reported as follows:

Class	Teacher		Present	Offering
Bible Class-Br	o. D. J. O'Donnell,	Bro. Alfred Ledlow	42	\$ 10.47
Senior Class-B	ro. Sam Kimberly	***************************************	26	.58
Junior Class-S	is. Alma Mayo	***************************************	11	2.00
Card Class-Sis	. Verna Mayo, Sis.	Barbara Alverson	9	.35
Officers			2	
TOTAL	***********		90	\$ 13.40

Friendship Trio sang "My Jesus Knows" while classes were returning to auditorium. Report of Secretary given. Attendance banner won by the Wattsville Sunday School with 50 members in attendance.

Class singing led by Bro. Arthur Ritch with Jere Davis at the piano. Hymn No. 178, "Wonderful Jesus." Bro. Carlis Hollis led Hymn No. 130, "Coming" accompanied by Miss Annette Barber. Offering received for the Youth Camp, \$30.72.

Opportunity for testimonies given. Several good testimonies received. Pastor A. A. Edge welcomed everybody and gave each an invitation to stay for lunch. Class sang Hymn No. 106, "An Old Account Settled" led by Rev. E. R. Mayo.

Morning message by the Rev. Chester O'Donnell, "Seeking the Living."

Scriptures: Luke 24:1-8; Matt. 28:5-6; Mark 16:6; John 20:13; Matt. 28:2-3; Luke 23:49, 55:56; John 19:25; and Mark 15:40.

Song No. 108, "When All of God's Singers Get Home" led by Bro. Loyalton Ledlow. Dismissed for lunch by the Rev. Donald Grice.

Sunday afternoon services were opened with Scripture reading by President C. Barber. Psalms 67. Prayer by the Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

Wattsville Sunday School Program—Songs "I'll Meet You in the Morning", "Fishing", "Wide as the Ocean" Scriptures spoken by the children. Song, "Have Faith in God."

Songs by Wattsville Trio—Mrs. Herman Dollar, Mrs. W. W. Crump, Loyalton Ledlow—"While the Ages Roll On", "Too Far Upon My Journey." Class song No. 144, "Lord, Send Me" led by the Rev. E. R. Mayo accompanied by Miss Jere Davis. Solo by Bro. Loyalton Ledlow, "Take Your Burden To The Lord." Solo by the Rev. Alfred Ledlow, "Stand By Me."

Business Committee report. Motion carried to receive and take item by item:

Item 4. We recommend one (1) member from each Church of this Sunday School Convention to act as trustee of this convention's Camp Ground with authority to act and transact any legal business they see need of to further the building or improving the property. Adopted.

Item 5. We recommend each Church of this Convention obligate themselves in an agreement to help bear the finance in erecting a building on the Convention property. We recommend a budget of \$3,500.00 to be raised to pay off the proposed indebtedness necessitated in the building program, pro-rated share to be as follows: Trinity FWB Church \$81.00; Friendship FWB Church \$1,098.00; Pleasant Grove FWB Church \$397.00; Ragland FWB Church \$288.00; Wattsville FWB Church \$810.00; and Talladega FWB Church \$801.00. Adopted.

Item 6. We recommend that Paul R. Davis be placed on the Trustee Board of this Convention's Camp Ground to represent Friendship FWB Church at their request. Carried.

Item 7. We recommend that the Trustees of Camp Ground be given the power to borrow money on the camp grounds to finance building and improvements. Carried.

The Rev. S. W. McDonough asked to be released from the Camp Ground Committee. The Rev. A. A. Edge resigned from Trustee Board. These resignations accepted. President appointed Bro. Loyalton Ledlow to serve on Camp Ground Committee.

CAMP GROUND COMMITTEE—Bro. Arthur Ritch, 5 yrs.; Rev. Cleo Elders, 4 yrs.; Rev. A. A. Edge, 3 yrs.; Bro. Paul Davis, 2 yrs.; Bro. Loyalton Ledlow, 1 yr. (Chairman).

The trustee place to be vacant until Pleasant Grove Church recommends one. Chester O'Donnell recommended by Pleasant Grove Church.

Item 8. We recommend this session of the Convention elect an administrator or manager for the Camp Grounds. Carried. Chester O'Donnell and Marshall Gallops were nominated. The Rev. Maxwell Gallops elected.

Reading of minutes. Motion carried to accept with proper amendments. Dismissed by the Rev. Maxwell Gallops.

CONSTITUTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Preamble: In order to strengthen and unify our Christian work and 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 2:00 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. Amended April 20, 1963, to meet at 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May each year and continue through Sunday

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-Presdent 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 Sessions. 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 twothirds 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.