

Liberty No. 2 Association
Of The Original
Free Will Baptist Church

State of Alabama

36TH ANNUAL SESSION

convened at

**LIBERTY NO. 2 FREEWILL BAPTIST
YOUTH CAMP**

3 MILES NORTH, PELL CITY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 15 - 16, 1969

MODERATOR -----	Rev. E. R. Mayo
ASSISTANT MODERATOR -----	Rev. Mark Edge
CLERK-TREASURER -----	Paul Davis
ASSISTANT CLERK -----	Nolan K. Holland

**37th Session will be held at the
Campground**

August 14-15, 1970

Beginning 9 A. M. each day

The 36th Session of Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Youth Campground on August 15, 16, 1969.

FRIDAY MORNING

The session opened August 15, with Rev. F. C. Barber and Rev. E. R. Mayo leading the singing. Frankie Simpkins, Jr. at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Paul Davis.

The clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell, called the house to order and introduced the assistant moderator, Rev. Mark Edge; the moderator, Rev. J. T. Windsor being absent. Bro Paul Davis was asked to serve as assistant moderator until new officers could be elected.

Scripture reading, 2 Peter 1:2-10. Prayer by Rev. Alfred Ledlow. The moderator appointed a new Credentials Committee, the old being absent. Those appointed were: Dea. D. J. O'Donnell, Chmn.; Rev. O. O. Parrish, and Bro. H. B. Pardue.

There was some good singing while the Credential Committee was out.

The Credential Committee Report read and adopted. Motion made, seconded, and carried to read the delegates name and the church they are from and then be seated.

The moderator then appointed the Devotional Committee; Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Eunice Davis, Sis. Bessie Edge. Sis. Edge declined being she wasn't a delegate.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to elect officers for this session. Rev. Clay Engle and Rev. E. R. Mayo were nominated. Nomination closed on them. Rev. E. R. Mayo was elected.

Rev. Blaine Bishop and Rev. Clay Engle was nominated for assistant moderator and the motion closed on them. Carried. Rev. Clay Engle Elected.

Nolan K. Holland and Paul Davis nominated for clerk-treasurer. Motion carried to close on them. Paul Davis elected. Nolan K. Holland and Rev. C. L. Carlisle nominated for assistant clerk-treasurer. Motion carried to close on these two. Nolan K. Holland elected.

The Devotional Committee report read and accepted (see committee reports).

The moderator for the new session then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL

Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell
Sis. Eunice Davis

FAMILY RELIGION

Sis. Mary Jo Barber
Rev. Arthur Bice
Sis. Ethel Tucker

DECEASED:

Sis. Ruby Ledlow
Sis. Eunice Davis
Sis. Barbra Gupton

AUDITING:

Rev. Chester O'Donnell
 Rev. Blaine Bishop
 Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham

EXECUTIVE:

Rev. E. R. Mayo - 1970
 Rev. Paul Davis - 1971
 Rev. F. C. Barber - 1972

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. H. A. O'Donnell
 Rev. Alfred Ledlow
 Rev. Clay Engle
 Rev. W. C. Patterson
 Dea. D. J. O'Donnell

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Chester O'Donnell
 Rev. Nolan K. Holland
 Rev. O. O. Parrish

MINISTERS AND DEACONS:

(Standing)

Rev. H. A. O'Donnell (Chmn)
 Rev. Alfred Ledlow
 H. B. Pardue

LITERATURE:

Rev. Clay Engle
 Bro. David Parrish
 Sis. Roxie Muir

ORGANIZING COUNCIL:

Deacon W. W. (Bill) Hines - 1970, Ragland, Alabama
 Rev. J. T. Windsor - 1971, Pell City, Alabama
 Rev. H. A. O'Donnell - 1972, Ashville, Alabama
 Rev. Leroy Smith - 1973, Pell City, Alabama
 Rev. Alfred Ledlow - 1974, Ashville, Alabama

Before the 11:00 o'clock message we had prayer led by Rev. E. R. Mayo. Rev. Alfred Ledlow brought the message using the scripture, Heb. 3, entire chapter. After the message and invitation was given with no response.

Dismissed by Rev. W. C. Patterson for the lunch hour to be back about 1 o'clock.

BUSINESS:

Rev. F. C. Barber
 Rev. Mark Edge
 Dea. D. J. O'Donnell
 Rev. Chester O'Donnell
 Rev. Blaine Bishop

CREDENTIAL - 1970

Rev. Mark Edge
 Rev. Blaine Bishop
 Rev. F. C. Barber

EDUCATION:

Sis. Janice Williams
 Sis. Irene Warlick
 Sis. Minnie Johnson

HOME MISSION:

Rev. Alfred Ledlow - 1970
 Rev. O. O. Parrish - 1971
 Rev. Mark Edge - 1972

RESOLUTION:

Sis. Hattie Owens
 Rev. Arthur Bice
 Sis. Ruby Ledlow

TEMPERANCE:

Rev. Nolan K. Holland
 Bro. H. B. Pardue
 Rev. O. O. Parrish

FRIDAY EVENING

Service opened with the moderator reading Ps. 61:1-8.

Partial report of Devotional Committee accepted. (see committee reports.)

Deceased Committee report accepted. (see reports)

Education Committee report accepted. (see reports)

Temperance Committee report accepted. (see reports)

Resolution report accepted. (see reports)

Business partial report accepted. (see reports)

Items 1, 2, 3 accepted. Items 4, 5, 6 tabled until Saturday.

Rev. Mark Edge gave a report on the work carried out by the Executive Committee of the Sunday School Convention concerning the building on the campground. Report was accepted as information.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Home Mission Board. (see reports)

Auditing report accepted. (see reports)

Clerk-Treas. report accepted. (see reports)

SATURDAY MORNING

Services began with singing led by Bro. Loylton Ledlow with Bro. Frankie Simpkins, Jr. at the piano.

The body called to order by the clerk at 9:10 o'clock. The moderator, Rev. E. R. Mayo taking charge reading the scripture, Exodus 18:13-26. Prayer led by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood.

The moderator strengthened the Devotional Committee with Brother Alfred O'Donnell.

Devotional Committee partial report, report accepted. (see reports)
 Family Religion report accepted. (see reports)
 Executive Committee report accepted. (see reports)

Organizing Council report: There was no work to be carried out. The report was accepted.

Sis. Herman Dollar sang a solo. Then there was some good congregational singing with Sis. Dollar at the piano. While there was no business to attend to we had a Testimony Service. After this we had prayer led by Bro. Ben Howard.

The letter from the Fellowship Church was read. Then a motion carried to accept the letter and seat the delegates.

Sunday School report accepted. (see reports)
 Literature report accepted. (see reports)
 Ministers and Deacons standing report accepted. (see reports)

Partial report of Business Committee, Item No. 7 accepted. (see reports)
 Item 8 and ammendment accepted.

Motion and second carried to appoint a committee to take care of the needs of the service tonight. Dea. Johnie Wiggins, Dea. Calvin Barber and Dea. Alfred O'Conner were appointed.

The committee appointed last year to report this year about letter form for the association was accepted and the new letter form rejected.

Motion and second carried to remove the items of business from the table and take them up item by item. Item 4 accepted, item 5 accepted, (see reports).

Then we had a recess for about ten minutes. After we sang a song Rev. Jimmy Youngblood from the Cahaba Association took the stand reading the scripture, Exodus 39:33-43. His thought, the Work of God and the 9th Chapter of Mark, verses 1-7, Rom. 8:38-39. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Patterson.

We were dismissed and thanks given for lunch prepared by the sisters of the different churches by Rev. J. T. Windsor.

SATURDAY EVENING

The moderator read scripture (clerk failed to get the reading)

The new report of the Family Religion Committee was read. The motion and second carried to accept the new report and omit the first. (see reports)

Then the moderator called for prayer. The Rev. W. H. "Pat" Barber led the prayer.

The Rev. J. T. Windsor was appointed to serve on the Ordaining Council due to the absence of one of the members.

There was a good singing with Sis. Herman Dollar at the piano. Then Rev. Levernon Davis, a former member of this association, gave a good testimony and then sang two specials. "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now" and "When God Dipped His Love In My Heart".

Rev. Hubert Bishop, Pastor of Pine Forest Baptist Church and wife were with us. Bro. Bishop gave a good testimony.

Then Sis. Betty Bishop sang a special, "Jesus Use Me".

The Ordaining Council report was accepted by motion and second. (see reports)

Then a partial report of Business Committee was given and motion carried to take the business up item by item. Items 9, 10, 11 were accepted. (see reports)

After the business the Ordaining Council came forward with the candidates for the Ministry and for the Deaconship. The prayer of dedication led by Rev. F. C. Barber, Pastor of the First F.W.B. Church of Ragland, and Rev. Hubert Bishop, Pastor of Pine Forest Baptist Church. After prayer the right hand of fellowship was given by the body, signifying we would be praying for them and supporting them.

Rev. H. A. O'Donnell (Chmn) of the Ordaining Council gave the charge using the scripture II Timothy 4:1-2. After the charge the moderator asked the Ordained Men and their wives to stand in front and the congregation to shake hands with them.

The moderator then appointed the Literature and Family Religion Committees for 1970.

Family Religion: Dea. Max Mayo, Chmn; Rev. Arthur Bice and Brother Herman Dollar, all from the Wattsville Church.

Literature: Dea. Alfred O'Donnell, Chmn; Rev. H. A. O'Donnell and Dea. D. J. O'Donnell, all from the Pleasant Grove Church.

Motion and second carried in the future the Credential Committee be appointed from the same church.

The moderator declared the floor open for nominations for moderator of the next session. Nominations closed on Rev. J. T. Windsor, E. R. Mayo, and Mark Edge. Rev. Mark Edge was elected moderator of the session in November.

The nomination closed on these three for the assistant moderator: Rev. Blaine Bishop, Rev. E. R. Mayo, Rev. Wade Walton. The Rev. Blaine Bishop was elected for the assistant moderator for the session in November.

Motion and second carried that we receive an offering for the Rev. John Haisten. The offering received was \$45.00.

Bro. Frank Simpkins gave a report concerning the Children's Home. The report was received as information.

The moderator accepted the following as volunteer delegates to the State Association: Sis. Rachel Barber, Sis. Minnie Johnson, and Bro. Bobby Endfinger.

Rev. W. C. Patterson acted as moderator for the minister's conference. Opportunity given for membership into the body with no response.

Then a motion and second carried to read the minutes of the Ministers and Deacons Conference. The motion and second carried to accept the minutes as read.

Sis. Mary Jo Barber and Sis. Julia Bice were appointed on the Family Religion Committee Saturday morning.

The Business Committee was strengthened with Bro. Max Mayo on Saturday evening.

The Executive Committee reported their only action was the Association would be held at the Campground if the host church was willing for it to go there. Guiding Light Church was willing for it to go there.

Motion carried to read the minutes. Then the motion carried to accept the minutes as read with any correction needed. There was a motion for the session to adjourn. The 35th Session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference met at the Campground on August 15, 16, 1969.

Services began with singing led by Rev. C. L. Carlisle and Rev. James Wycuff with Frankie Simpkins, Jr. at the piano.

The body called to order by the clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell. The moderator, Rev. Ray Fisher taking charge reading the scripture Matt. 3:9.

Prayer by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell. Then the roll call of the Ministers and deacons conference.

Opportunity for membership. Ministers joining the conference: Rev. Arthur Bice, Rev. Chester Sweeney, Rev. W. H. "Pat" Barber, Rev. Blaine Bishop, Rev. W. C. Patterson. Deacons joining the conference: Sam Kimberly, W. W. "Bill" Hines, Loyaltan Ledlow.

Motion and second carried to elect a moderator.

Rev. Chester Sweeney elected. Motion and second carried to elect an assistant moderator. Rev. Edward McCrory elected.

Motion and second carried to elect a clerk. Bro. Loyaltan Ledlow elected. Motion and second carried to elect an assistant clerk. Paul Davis elected.

Motion carried to ascertain how many ministers and deacons are 65 years of age and older, and a lifetime certificate be granted to them.

Motion carried to hold the Ministers and Deacons Conference open until end of the Association.

Motion and second carried to let Lookout Mountain Church settle the matter as far as the Association is concerned. Motion carried to amend the motion, that is to recognize Bro. Johnie R. Johnson and grant him a certificate of standing.

Motion carried to elect a speaker for next year. Rev. W. C. Patterson elected and Rev. Ray Fisher was elected as Alternate Speaker. The subject: "A Christian".

Rev. W. H. "Pat" Barber made acknowledgement to the conference motion carried to accept the acknowledgement.

The services turned over to Rev. F. C. Barber for the evening message. The subject "Covenant". The scripture II Peter 3:9 and Acts 2:39.

Invitation to accept Christ as Saviour was given with no response.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS ROLL

Answered in person - A
Lifetime Certificate - C

Answered by letter - L
Paid Fee - P

1. A-P Rev. F. C. Barber - Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama
2. A-P Rev. Clyde Bishop - Rt. 1, Ashville, Alabama
3. A-P Rev. C. L. Carlisle - 409 North 30th, Pell City, Alabama
4. A-P Rev. Paul Davis - 19 North 30th Street, Pell City, Alabama
5. A Rev. Onnie Dollar - Route 1, Ragland, Alabama
6. A-P Rev. Mark Edge - Box 82, Ragland, Alabama
7. C Rev. Cleo Elder - P. O. Box 85, Talladega, Alabama
8. A-P Rev. Clay Engle - Box 46, Siluria, Alabama
9. L Rev. John Haisten - Pell City, Alabama
10. A-P Rev. Allen Higginbotham - 1108 S. Leighton Ave., Anniston, Ala.
11. A-P Rev. Noland K. Holland - Gadsden, Alabama
12. C Rev. Marion Jones - 507 Pearl Street, Talladega, Alabama
13. A-P Rev. Alfred Ledlow - Rt. 1, Ashville, Alabama
14. A-P Rev. E. R. Mayo - Rt. 2, Ashville, Alabama

15. A-P Rev. Edward McCrory - Ashville, Alabama
16. L Rev. W. T. Mulligan - 706 28th Street, Pell City, Alabama
17. A-P Rev. Chester O'Donnell - Rt. 1, Ashville, Alabama
18. A-P Rev. H. A. O'Donnell - Rt. 1, Ashville, Alabama
19. A-P Rev. Ray Fisher - Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama
20. L-P Rev. O. O. Parrish - 207 S. 24th Street, Gadsden, Alabama
21. L Rev. A. G. Robershaw - 7676 1/2 Burnell Ave., Lemon Grove, Cal.
22. A-P Rev. Leroy Smith - Pell City, Alabama
23. A-P Rev. Wade Walton - Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama
24. A-P Rev. J. T. Windsor - Pell City, Alabama
25. A-P Rev. James Wycuff - 2301 White Ave., Apt. C - Gadsden, Ala.
26. C Rev. A. A. Bradshaw - Talladega, Alabama
27. C Rev. J. S. Howell - Talladega, Alabama
28. A-P Rev. Chester Sweeney
29. A-P Rev. W. H. Barber - Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama
30. A-P Rev. Blaine Bishop - Rt. 1, Ashville, Alabama
31. A-P Rev. Arthur Bice - Wattsville, Alabama
32. A-P Rev. W. C. Patterson - 3309 8th Avenue, Pell City, Ala.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED WITH FEE

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| 1. D. J. O'Donnell | 7. Max Mayo |
| 2. Alfred O'Donnell | 8. Calvin Barber |
| 3. Fred McCrory | 9. J. R. Wiggins |
| 4. J. B. Chamblis | 10. Frank Simpkins, Sr. |
| 5. Johnie R. Johnson | 11. Sam Kimberly |
| 6. W. W. (Bill) Hines | 12. Loyaltan Ledlow |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: We have examined the letters and find them in order with 8 churches reporting. Fellowship Church reported later. Their letter was examined and then accepted making a total of 9 churches reporting.

DEVOTIONAL: Rev. Alfred Ledlow brought the eleven o'clock message Friday morning.

Rev. F. C. Barber was appointed last year for the message on Friday night by the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Rev. Paul Davis appointed for the eleven o'clock message Saturday morning.

He asked the Devotional Committee to let Rev. Jimmy Youngblood have the eleven o'clock hour. (granted)

Rev. E. R. Mayo the devotional Saturday night.

BUSINESS:

1. Grant the request of the Ragland Church and question Bro. David Gupton and Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham and if found worthy ordain them as Deacons.

2. Grant the request of Pleasant Grove Church and question Rev. Blaine Bishop and if found worthy ordain him to the full gospel ministry.

3. Grant Lookout Mt. request and call in question Rev. Nolan K. Holland and if found worthy ordain him to the full gospel ministry.

4. That this body meet quarterly and the sessions meet on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in the following months. February, May, August and November. The August session will be held two days beginning on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. This will be the yearly meeting.

5. That the body elect a moderator and assistant moderator at the close of each session to serve for the next session.

6. The clerk of the quarterly meeting and association be the same and hold office for 2 years.

7. The moderator appoint a committee to make provisions for the Saturday night communion and feet washing service for this session of the association.

8. The moderator appoint a committee on Family Religion and Literature a year in advance of the Association to enable them to have ample time to make a more complete report. This would eliminate the reprinting of the previous year's report.

9. The moderator requested the Executive Board of the S.S. Convention along with the President to arrange for a revival at the Campground before cold weather.

10. The entrance fee to each of the 4 conferences be changed to \$10.00 in lieu of the present amounts being paid. In addition to the entrance fee it is recommended that the churches continue to contribute toward paying for the printing of the minutes.

11. We recommend that the Clerk's pay be changed from the present method to \$10.00 each for the 4 conferences. That the moderator be paid \$10.00 for the yearly conference held in August.

TEMPERANCE - We your Temperance Committee recommend that our people practice temperance in the home, church, school, at work and in all our activities as taught by the Holy Bible.

AUDITING - We your Auditing Committee have examined the books of the association clerk-treasurer and Home Missions and find them in order with money correct.

RESOLUTION - We the Resolution Committee suggest that each member of the association begin and end each day with prayer and do our best for our Lord.

Be it resolved that:

Whereas, we the baptized believers in Christ, that comprise

the body of Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist are convinced that the scriptures teach total abstinence from alcoholic beverage. That we here and now in keeping with our belief go on record publicly and unanimously as being opposed to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverage, whether legal or illegal. That our member churches be advised to deal quickly and harshly with any member who votes or supports distribution of whiskey and beer in any way.

ORGANIZING COUNCIL - No work to report.

LITERATURE - We your Literature Committee recommend that our churches use literature that teaches the Bible and Free Will Baptist doctrine only. And to abstain from the use of any literature other than Christian. Also to oppose the sale of any literature other than Christian.

EDUCATION - We should resolve to use our denominational literature in churches and homes. We should prayerfully consider the reading matter brought into our homes. Also to encourage daily Bible reading.

DECEASED - We find the following belonging to our churches have departed to be with the Lord.

Lookout Mt. - Sis. Edna Dutton and Dea. Clyde Williams

Wattsville - Dea. Earl Cambron

Talladega - Dea. Leathern Watkins, Sis. Annie Heather and Bro. Wiley Freeman.

Guiding Light - Bro. W. G. Jackson, Sis. Leoma Ramsey, Sis. Susie Ramsey and Bro. Jim Southern.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - We are glad to report that each church has a Sunday School. Sunday School is the teaching agency of the church and should have the best teachers they can get. Therefore we recommend the church help the class select their teachers. Where the church does not elect them.

ORDAINING COUNCIL - We the ordaining council have questioned Rev. Nolan K. Holland and Rev. Blaine Bishop for the ministry also Bro. David Gupton and Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham for Deacon's.

We find these men to be in harmony with the Bible and sound in doctrine. Therefore we recommend them to be ordained.

MINISTERS & DEACONS - We recommend that the association grant all ministers representing in persons or by letter be granted a certificate of standing. All deacons reporting in person or by letter be granted a Certificate of Standing. To all Ministers and Deacons 65 years of age or older be granted a Lifetime Certificate of Standing.

FAMILY RELIGION - We recommend that the old report be done away with and this new one be adopted. We suggest that there be a survey made in each church to find out how many families hold daily devotions. And encourage those who do not to begin to do so.

We recommend that they use the Free Will Baptist Literature and the Bible. We wish parents would teach their small children respect for the church and its property.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bal. 8-16-68	\$ 217.97	Trustee C.H.	\$ 40.00
Ent. Fees & Min.	187.90	Moderator	10.00
Refund	10.00	Ent. fee	
		State Asso.	45.00
		Minutes	88.40
Minister & Dea.	30.00	See about Min.	3.00
Refund	10.00	Stamps	.60
Association Property:		Typewriter	225.00
1 desk-file cabinet	20.57	Desk-file cab.	20.57
1 Typewriter	225.00	Clerk	12.40
1 Recorder	45.00	Total	\$ 444.97
Total	\$ 444.97		
Balance -----			0.00

HOME MISSION BOARD

Balance brought forward	(out)	
8-16-68	\$ 283.33	No. Gadsden Ch. \$140.00
		Fellowship Chu. 140.00
		Total 280.00
	\$ 283.33	
Balance in Treasury August 15, 1969		\$ 3.33

CHURCH LETTERS

1st TALLADEGA - Delegates; Sis. Ruby Ledlow, Sis. Eunice Davis, Sis. Irene Warlick, Sis. Bertha Heath, Alternate. Statistics - Members 87. Members received 5. Deceased, 3. Sunday School enrollment 65. Financial Report - Pastor's salary \$900.00, Evangelist \$75.00, Building and repair \$108.00, Literature, \$105.53; Miscellaneous, \$389.94. Other \$250.90; Home Mission, \$10.00; Orphanage, \$89.23; Value of Church Property, \$20,000. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee \$20.00.

Alfred Ledlow, Pastor
Eunice Davis, Clerk
811 Hobson Ave.
Talladega, Ala.

LOOKOUT MT. - Delegates, Sis. Minnie Johnson, Sis. Janice Lee Williams and Sis. Beverly Holland, alternate. 1 ordained minister, 1 ordained deacon. Statistics - membership - 40. Members received 16. By letter 16. Members dismissed 4, by letter 3, excluded 1, deceased 2. Sunday School enrollment 34. League 20. Financial report - total offerings \$259.83, Pastor's salary \$236.35. Building and repair \$9.32. Literature \$28.86, Total - \$486.90. Value of church property \$4,500.00. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee \$20.00. Prayer meetings, Fair.

Rev. Nolan K. Holland, Pastor
Joe Lackey, Clerk
1825 Mt. Zion, Gadsden, Ala.

NORTH GADSDEN - Delegates, Bro. Benny Parrish, Bro. David Parrish (alt.) Sis. Alma Parrish. Licensed ministers, 1. Ordained deacons, 1. We have a Sunday School, C.T.S. and prayer meetings. Membership 20, members received 6 by profession of faith, 3. By letter 2, by statement of faith 1. Members dismissed 8. By letter 8. Sunday School enrollment 18, C.T.S. 18. Financial report. Total offerings, \$509.88, Evangelist work \$32.00, Literature \$51.94. Miscellaneous \$207.82. Total expenditures \$291.76. Value of church property \$2,000.00. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee \$20.00.

Rev. James Wycuff, Pastor
Ophelia Williams, Clerk
117 East Kyle Place
Gadsden, Ala.

GUIDING LIGHT - Delegates, Mrs. Bill Callahan, Mrs. Hattie Owens, Mrs. Ethel Tucker, Mrs. Mary Jo Barber and Mrs. Julia Bice.

Pastor and address: W. H. "Pat" Barber, Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala. Ordained ministers, 3. Ordained deacons, 3. Financial report - Total offerings - \$1046.80. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$325.00. Evangelist, \$50.00, Literature, \$65.09. Miscellaneous, \$177.84.

Heat & Lights, \$117.34. Spent for outside causes: Home Mission \$45.00. Value of church property, \$5,000. Enclosed for entrance fee and minutes, \$20.00.

Mrs. Thelma Eastis, Clerk
Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala.

1st RAGLAND - Delegates, Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham, Sis. Barbra Gupton, and Sis. Paula Gupton. Ordained minister, 4 ordained deacons, 3. Statistics: Membership 40, Sunday School enrollment, 38. Financial report: Total offerings, \$4,565.62. Pastor's salary \$1785.00, evangelist \$100.00, building and repair \$1100.00, total local expenditures \$2,985.00. Spent for outside causes: Orphanage \$120.00, campground fund \$100.00, flowers \$60.00, Total \$280.00. Value of church property \$12,000.00. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee \$20.00.

Rev. F. C. Barber, Pastor

PLEASANT GROVE - Delegates, Mrs. Alfred O'Donnell, Mrs. Clyde Bishop and Miss Roxie Muir. Ordained minister, 4, licensed minister, 1, ordained deacons, 2. Membership 38, members received 2. Sunday School enrollment, 25. Financial report: Total offerings \$1024.49. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary \$264.35, evangelist \$50.00, Literature, \$50.00, Lights \$13.98. Other \$181.20. Spent for outside causes, Home Missions, \$82.49. Orphanage \$264.35. Value of church property \$5000.00. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee, \$20.00.

Rev. Blaine Bishop, Pastor
Alfred O'Donnell, Clerk
Box 453, Steele, Ala.

FRIENDSHIP - Delegates, D. C. Morrow, Almus Lee Foster, Bobby Endfinger, Mason Tollison, H. B. Pardue, Howard Endfinger. Ordained minister, 6. Ordained deacons, 8. Membership 135. Members received 8. By profession of faith 5, by letter 3. Members dismissed 55. By letter 4, excluded 51. Sunday School enrollment 85, C. T. S. 51. Financial report - Total offerings received \$13,124.03. Building fund, \$2582.24. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary, \$4320.81. Evangelist \$335.55. Building and repair, \$486.99, Literature \$237.10, miscellaneous, \$1360.00. Other \$330.00. Pastor's expense \$1280.00. Total local expenses: \$8225.64. Spent for outside causes: Cooperative plan \$214.26, Foreign Mission \$75.00, Home Missions, \$105.00, Orphanage, \$200.00, State & National projects, \$10.00. Total outside expenditures \$604.24. Value of church property \$50,000.00. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee \$25.00.

E. R. Mayo, Pastor
Frank Simpkins, Clerk
600 No. 29th St.
Pell City, Ala.

1st WATTSVILLE - Delegates, Bro. Herman Dollar, Bro. Max Mayo, Bro. Bobby Dollar, Bro. Onnie Dollar, Bro. Arthur Bice. Ordained ministers - 2, ordained deacons, 5, Licensed ministers, 1. Membership 90. Members received, 2, members dismissed 4, deceased 1. Sunday School enrollment 70. Financial report. Total offerings received \$4,751.13. Spent for local causes. Pastor \$1200.00. Evangelist \$125.00. Building and repair, \$13,532.62. Spent for outside causes: Home Mission \$42.00. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee, \$25.00.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pastor
J. B. Tims, Clerk
Wattsville, Ala.

FELLOWSHIP - Delegates, Fred McCrory, Loyaltan Ledlow. Ordained ministers, 1; ordained deacons, 2. We have a Sunday School and prayer meeting. Church membership 23. Members received 7. By profession of faith 1, by letter, 4, by statement of faith, 2. Sunday School enrollment 35. Pastor's salary \$600.00, Evangelist \$75.00. Value of church property \$25,000.00. Enclosed for minutes and entrance fee \$20.00.

Rev. C. E. McCrory, Pastor
Jimmy Banks, Clerk
Odenville, Ala.

QUARTERLY MEETING LETTER

Delegate, Bro. Bobby Endfinger,

The 117th Session met September 28, 1968 with Wattsville, Church. Business committee - E. R. Mayo, J. T. Windsor, J. B. Tims, Bobby Tollison and Houston Ramsey.

Business passed: 1. Recommended Brothers James Howard and Bobby Dollar of Wattsville Church be ordained as deacons. 2. The ordaining council go to Guiding Light Church the 1st Sunday in October to question Bro. Chester Sweeney of the same church for ordination to the full gospel ministry. (Oct. 6, 1968)

Ordaining Council - H. A. O'Donnell, D. J. O'Donnell, Paul Callahan, Johnie Johnson and Johnie Wiggins. (Bro. Wiggins was replaced later) The moderator appointed Bro. Ray Fisher to fill his place. All of the men named for ordination were ordained.

Rev. F. C. Barber - Moderator
Loyaltan Ledlow, Clerk

December 28, 1968 - The 118th Session met with Friendship Church. 6 Churches reported.

Business Committee - D. J. O'Connell, Bobby Endfinger, Bobby Tollison, John Lively, Howard Endfinger. Business passed. 1. Blaine Bishop of the Wattsville Church be licensed to preach for 1 year.

Ordaining Council - E. R. Mayo, Marion Jones, Johnie Johnson, D. J. O'Donnell and Johnie Wiggins.

Rev. F. C. Barber - Moderator
Paul Davis - Clerk

March 29, 1969 - The 119th Session met with Lookout Mt. Church. Business Committee - F. C. Barber, James Wycuff, Chester O'Donnell, Alfred O'Donnell and Cleo Elder. Business passed 1. Floyd Williams of the North Gadsden Church be called in question and if found worthy be licensed to preach for one year. (So done.)

Ordaining Council - H. A. O'Donnell, Johnnie Johnson, J. B. Chamblis, Marion Jones and Mark Edge. 9 churches reported this session.
N. K. Holland - Moderator
Paul Davis - Clerk

June 28, 1969 - The 120th Session met with Guiding Light Church. 8 churches reported.

Business Committee: Rev. J. T. Windsor, Rev. E. R. Mayo, Rev. Ray Fisher, Rev. Chester O'Donnell and Dea. J. B. Chamblis. Business passed. 1. Bro. Arthur Bice of Wattsville Church be licensed to preach for one year. 2. In the future the quarterly meeting the association and the youth rally meet at the campground.

Ordaining Council - John Haisten, H. A. O'Donnell, Cleo Elder, A. A. Bradshaw, Buddy Callahan.

Rev. F. C. Barber - Moderator
Paul Davis - Clerk

The following are the meeting dates of our conference:
November 15, 1969 May 16, 1970
February 14, 1970 August 14-15, 1970

LIBERTY NO. 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 24th annual business session opened with Bro. Frank Simpkins leading the class in class singing accompanied by Bro. Frank Simpkins, Jr.

Bro. Chamblis, our President, then extended a cordial welcome to each one present. Following the welcome a scripture reading was given from the Thirty-Third Psalm. We then assembled in the altar for an altar prayer.

The 24th Annual business session convening with the Lookout Mt. Free Will Baptist Church of Gadsden, Ala., on the 26th and 27th of April, 1969, was declared in session by the clerk, Faith Walton. Letters were read and accepted as read. Moves were made and carried to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates from the churches present.

A move was made and carried to go into the election of officers. The officers for the following year are:

President: Rev. Blaine Bishop
Vice-President: Wade Walton
Sect.-Treas.: Faith Walton
Asst. Sect.-Treas.: Hope Wiggins

Pianist: Frank Simpkins, Jr.

Asst. Pianist: Hope Wiggins

Director: Johnnie R. Wiggins

The appointment of committees was conducted and following this the committees were dismissed. The committees were as follows:

BUSINESS: D. J. O'Donnell, Paul Davis, Chm., F. C. Barber, O.O. Parrish and Chester O'Donnell.

EXECUTIVE: 1 yr. - Arlie Mitchell, Jr. Chairman

2-yr. - Willie Shirley 3-yr. - Bobby Dollar

4-yr. - Mark Edge 5-yr. - Paul Davis

6-yr. - Johnnie R. Wiggins 7-yr. - E. R. Mayo

AUDITING: Zella Jinks, Ohilla Williams, Audrey Elder

CAMPGROUND: Bobby Dollar, Rev. Mark Edge, Frank Simpkins, Sr., Herman Dollar, Calvin Barber, Jr.

During the time the various committees were out we were presented with some special singing by Betty Bishop, Faith Walton and Hope Wiggins. Bro. Johnnie R. Wiggins and Bro. Max Mayo then led the class in some class singing.

Our president, Bro. Bishop, called for a 15 minute recess at this time.

The house met back in order for the purpose of accepting the committee reports. Reports were as follows:

AUDITING: We the Auditing Committee find the books of the Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention to be in order. Report accepted as read.

BUSINESS:

Item 1: Officers be elected for coming year. Take over for up coming year and not present year. Present officers hold office till close of 25th session.

Item 2: President, Vice-Pres., Clerk and Asst. Clerk with Executive Committee plan program and get programs out to the host church two weeks before the Convention.

Item 3: Minutes of the convention to be included with association minutes. Minutes are to be in by Sept. 1st. Sunday School convention are to pay for their share.

Item 4: Keep our campground! Move made to strengthen our Executive Committee. By increasing it from present to 7 men.

Item 5: Move that a Promotional Sect. be elected and he is to visit each Sunday School of our association. Move made to go into election of promotional workers. Rev. Paul Davis elected.

Item 6: Move that the Sect. be given the authority to buy a plaque for the Program and Attendance Award. Not to exceed \$10.00 each.

Sect.-Treas. report called for, was read and accepted as read. Business session then adjourned until Sunday, April 27th, at 10:00.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1969

The Sunday Session opened with Bro. Frank Simpkins leading the class in singing accompanied by Bro. Frank Simpkins, Jr.

A welcome was presented by our president, Bro. Marion Jones then lead us in a word of prayer and following this the list and place of classes and

teachers was presented and we assembled for Sunday School.

Following Sunday School we were led in class singing. The Sect. Treas. report was called for. The attendance was 171 and the offering was \$26.79.

The Ragland Freewill Baptist Church received the Attendance Banner and Bro. Chamblis accepted the banner on behalf of the church.

Our guest minister for the services was introduced and the services were then turned over to him. Rev. Glenn Hood from the East Birmingham Freewill Baptist Church brought the message. Scripture reading was from Hebrews 4:9. We had a wonderful service with one conversion.

After lunch we met together to present the programs from the various churches. Judges: Rev. Glenn Hood, Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Rev. John Haisten, Bro. P. R. Jones.

Programs: Wattsville - "God Is Able To Deliver Thee"
North Gadsden - "We Will Outshine The Sun"
Ragland - "Fun Can Be Clean" & "Unjust Steward"
Friendship - "Why No Revival?"

The Program Banner was presented to Friendship and was received by Clara Anderson.

Move was made and carried to omit Bible Bowl and go on into Sword Drill. Denise Simpkins from the Friendship Freewill Baptist Church was selected to represent us at the State.

Following announcement we were adjourned until the next session which will be held at the youth camp the last week-end in April, 1970.

Sunday School Treas. Report:

Balance brought forward:		\$225.06
Sunday School Fees	\$34.00	
Sunday School Offering	19.16	
Paid Secretary	\$5.00	
Total		\$273.22

Youth Camp Fund:

Balance brought forward:		\$ 1186.71
Offering at Convention	\$ 80.82	
Friendship F.W.B. Church	60.00	
Coal City Water Works	300.00	
Ragland F.W.B. Church	29.00	
Liberty Super Market	17.19	
Ragland F.W.B. Church	6.00	
Ragland F.W.B. Church	\$ 35.00	
Liberty Super Market	17.19	
Maxwell Gallups	25.00	
Total		\$ 1602.53
Donations Received	\$105 3.50	
Donations Returned	\$ 856.50	
Total balance in treasury		\$ 1799.53

ASSOCIATIONAL RULINGS

1. Each minister, ordained or licensed, must report in person or by letter to each session of this association to receive proper credentials for the coming year. Unless he is too old, or too feeble to attend, then he, as a Free Will Baptist minister, receives a life time certificate of standing.

2. Each minister, ordained or licensed, of churches belonging to this association is expected to affiliate with minister's conference and cannot be recognized as a minister nor pastor churches of this association except they comply with this ruling.

3. Each ordained minister must bear yearly certificates of standing to be eligible to pastor churches of this association, license of all licensed ministers must be renewed.

4. Ministers coming to us from another denomination must hold membership in some church of this association for one (1) year before 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.

7. That this body elect a moderator and assistant moderator at the close of each session of this conference to serve for the next session.

(Changed 1969)

8. That this body adopt a unified program.

9. That this body rules that any minister 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 \$10.00 to each session of this conference (4 sessions a year). And continue to contribute toward paying for the printing of the minutes. (Changed 1969)

11. That the Minister's Conference convene on Friday night instead of Friday evening as heretofore practiced.

12. That the clerk be paid \$10.00 each session (4 sessions a year) for his services. (Changed 1969)

13. That the moderator appoint all standing committees and any other committees he may need.

14. That there be no church organized without seven (7) charter members. Passed 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, (minister or deacon) and licensed minister pay \$1.00 to register to vote in the association. Passed in 1961, amended in 1965.

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. Page 81, 1963 Treatise.

FREEWILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are infallible rule of faith and practice. 1 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. 1. 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. Psa. 22:17, 97:2.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:17, 3:19.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation of life, suffering death and resurrection affected for all redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. 1 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 to love and obey Him in all things, In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuation in faith and obedience until death. 11 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. 1. 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 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 15:16; 11 Peter 2:20-22.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCE.** 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, or universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers, Mark 16:15, 11 Corinthians 4:5; St. 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, JUDGMENT 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.

FREEWILL 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 "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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 the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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.

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.

To this end we agree to labour for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation 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 committee
8. Acknowledgements
9. Committee Reports
10. New Business
11. Adjournment