

MINUTES

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

39TH SESSION

AUGUST 18-19, 1972

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MODERATOR ----- REV. MARION JONES
ASSISTANT MODERATOR ---- REV. CLAY ENGLE
CLERK-TREASURER --- REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL
ASSISTANT CLERK ---- DEACON J. R. WIGGINS

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40th Session will be held at the
Camp Ground
3 miles north of Pell City, Alabama
August 17-18, 1973

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Sunday School Convention
Saturday, April 28 - 2 P.M.
Sunday, April 29, 1973
at Camp Ground

PRESIDENT ----- BRO. MAX MAYO
SECRETARY-TREASURER -- MISS BRENDA KAY
Box 35, Ragland, Alabama

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

NOV. 20, 1971

The First Quarterly Session of the 39th session of Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist met at the camp ground, Nov. 20, 1971.

House called to order by clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell, and the service turned to the moderator, Rev. Clay Engle, reading Psalms 51. Altar prayer led by Rev. Mark Edge.

The moderator placed Bro. Alfred O'Donnell on the Credentials Committee in the absence of Bro. Marion Jones. The committee: Rev. Mark Edge, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Bro. Alfred O'Donnell.

Credentials Committee - report read and adopted. We your Cred. Committee have examined the letters from 5 churches: 1st Church, Ragland; 1st Church, Wattsville; Guiding Light, Lookout Mt., Pleasant Grove and find them in order with fees enclosed. We recommend the delegates be seated. Three churches did not report: Friendship, 1st Church, Talladega, Fellowship.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional: Sis. Tims, Sis. Dutton, Sis. Roxie Muir.

Business: Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Chmn., Bro. Herman Dollar, Rev. Clay Engle, Deacon J.U. Smith, Deacon Alfred O'Donnell.

Report of Devotional Committee, read and accepted. We your Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Percy Stokes for the 11:00 A.M. message, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell for the communion and feetwashing message Sat. afternoon.

Officers were elected for this session: Moderator, Rev. Mark Edge, Asst. Moderator: Rev. Allen Higginbotham.

Business Committee report read and received to take up item by item. Item 1. That the clerk buy pans and towels and the clerk keep same. Passed. Item 2. That Bro. Higginbotham be given a Cert. of standing as he had to leave due to sickness of his Bro. and any others who were present and belong to Minister and Deacons meeting. Passed. Item 3. That the clerk buy 12 pans and 12 towels. Passed. Item 4. The clerk buy a communion set. Passed. Item 5. The Mod. appoint 2 deacons to take care of the communion service next session. Bro. Alfred O'Donnell and Bro. D. J. O'Donnell were appointed. Passed.

Received an offering for pans and towels, \$10.00.

11:00 o'clock message by Rev. Percy Stokes, Scripture, I Cor. 3:9 "One Foundation." Dismissed for lunch by Chester O'Donnell

SATURDAY P. M.

Election of officers for the next session: For Moderator, Rev. Percy Stokes. Assistant Moderator, Deacon Alfred O'Donnell.

Minutes read and accepted with proper amendment. Moved to adjourn by Rev. Clay Engle.

Communion and Feetwashing message by Rev. Herman O'Donnell. Scripture, Rev. 2:1-5. Prayer by Bro. D. J. O'Donnell. Eleven took part in the communion and feetwashing.

Rev. Mark Edge, Moderator

Rev. Allen Higginbotham, Assist. Mod.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

FEB. 19th, 1972

8 churches reporting

The 2nd quarterly session of the 39th session of Liberty No. 2 Association met at the camp ground Feb. 19th, 1972.

House called to order by clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell, and the Mod. took charge reading Phil. 2:1-4. Prayer by Rev. Alfred Ledlow. The Mod. appointed Bro. Alfred Ledlow on the Cred. Committee in the absence of Rev. Mark Edge.

Cred. committee report read and accepted. We have examined the letters from 8 churches and find them in order with the entrance fees. We recommend the delegates be seated.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Ruby Ledlow, Sis. Thelma Eastes.

Business: Rev. Lester McMahan, Rev. Cleo Elders, Deacon D. J. O'Donnell, Bro. Ted Tollison, Rev. Allen Higginbotham.

Report of Devotional Committee: read and accepted. We your Dev. committee recommend for the 11:00 o'clock message Rev. Lester McMahan. The communion and feetwashing message Rev. Marion Jones.

Visiting Bro. recognized. Bro. Howard Coshat, pastor Hanks Memorial F.W.B. Church.

11:00 o'clock message by Rev. Lester McMahan. "The Signs of the Lord." II Tim. 3:1-7. Prayer by speaker. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Herman O'Donnell.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Scripture reading Romans 8:1-4. Prayer by Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

Business committee had no business to report. Motion made and carried to call of communion and feetwashing service due to sickness and weather.

Deacon D. J. O'Donnell and Calvin Barber were appointed to be in charge of communion and feetwashing service for the 3rd Qt. Session.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Moderator, Rev. Lester McMahan was nominated. Nomination closed on him and he was elected.

Assistant Moderator Rev. Marion Jones was nominated. Nomination closed on him and he was elected.

Motion made to stand adjourned till next session.

Message by Rev. Marion Jones, scripture I Cor. 11:22; 13:1-6; II Pet. 1:4-13, prayer by speaker. Dismissed by Bro. D.J. O'Donnell.

Rev. Percy Stokes, Moderator

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

May 20, 1972

7 Churches reporting

House called to order by clerk Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Moderator, Rev. Lester McMahan read Heb. 13 Chapter. Prayer by Bro. Frankie Simpkins.

Bro. Ted. Cains place on Cred. Committee with Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, and Rev. Marion Jones, in the place of Rev. Mark Edge.

Credentials committee report read and received. We your Credential committee have examined the letters from 7 churches and find them in order. We recommend the delegates be seated. Fellowship did not report.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional: Bro. Ted Cains, Sis. Della Jones, Sis. Retha Fisher.

Business: Rev. LeRoy Smith, Rev. H.A. O'Donnell, Deacon J. U. Smith,

Report of Devotion Committee read and accepted. We your Dev. Com. recommend Rev. LeRoy Smith for the 11:00 o'clock message. Rev. Marion Jones for dev. Rev. Lester McMahan for the communion and feet washing message.

Business committee report read and accepted. Due to sickness and we have no bread and wine we call off the communion and feetwashing service.

Deacons appointed to take care of the communion and feetwashing service next session. Frankie Simpkins, Alfred O'Donnell.

ELECTION of Officers for the next session. Moderator, Rev. Marion Jones nominated and elected by proper move. Assistant Mod. Rev. LeRoy Smith nominated and elected by proper move and second.

Minutes read and accepted.

Moved to adjourn business session to meet back on Friday morning before the 3rd Sunday in August.

Altar prayer for the many requests.

11:00 o'clock message: Rev. LeRoy Smith, Scripture, Lam. 3:40-45.

"Prepare To Meet Thy God." Heb. 2:1-3. (Heed) (Neglect)

Dismissed by Bro. William Dutton.

Rev. Lester McMahan, Moderator

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Clerk

39th ANNUAL SESSION

LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST

AUGUST 18-19, 1972

8 CHURCHES reporting

The Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist met in its 39th annual session on August 18-19, 1972, at the camp ground, 3 miles north of Pell City, Ala. off 231 Hwy.

House called to order by clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell. Rev. Marion Jones, the Moderator took charge reading Gal. 5:1-6. Prayer by Bro. Jones.

Strengthen the credentials committee with Bro. Alfred O'Donnell and D. J. O'Donnell. Along with the one present, Herman O'Donnell.

Report of the cred. committee read and accepted. We have examined the letters from 8 churches and find them in order with money correct. We recommend the letters be accepted and the delegates be seated.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1. DEVOTIONAL

Sis. Della Jones
Sis. Hattie Owens
Sis. Retha Fisher

3. CREDENTIAL 40th SESSION

Deacon Calvin Barber
Deacon Alfred O'Donnell
Rev. Mark Edge

5. DECEASED

Sis. Retha Fisher
Sis. Della Jones
Sis. Mark Edge

2. AUDITING

Bro. Alfred O'Donnell
Sis. Prince Simpkins
Sis. Lila Mae Bishop

4. LITERATURE

Sis. Prince Simpkins
Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell
Miss Bonnie Kay

6. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Lester McMahan
Rev. Nolan Holland
Rev. Herman O'Donnell

7. FAMILY RELIGION

Rev. Alfred Ledlow
Rev. Larry Johnson
Sis. Unice Davis

9. EDUCATION

Sis. Myrtie Foster
Miss Bonnie Kay
Bro. Donald Kay

11. HOME MISSIONS

Deacon David Tims, Chm. 1973
Deacon J. R. Wiggins 1974
Rev. Percy Stokes 1975

13. ORGANIZING COUNCIL

Rev. LeRoy Smith, Chm. 1973
Rev. Alfred Ledlow 1974
Rev. Percy Stokes 1975
Rev. Chester O'Donnell 1976
Rev. Clay Engle 1977

15. BUSINESS

Rev. Herman O'Donnell
Bro. Donald Kay
Rev. Percy Stokes
Rev. Alfred Ledlow
Deacon Alfred O'Donnell

8. TEMPERANCE

Sis. Della Jones
Sis. Hattie Owens
Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell

10. RESOLUTION

Sis. Mark Edge
Sis. Unice Davis
Bro. Thomas Chapman

12. EXECUTIVE

Rev. Mark Edge, Chm. 1973
Rev. Marion Jones 1974
Rev. Herman O'Donnell 1975

14. ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Alfred Ledlow
Rev. Herman O'Donnell
Rev. Clay Engle
Rev. Cleo Elders
Deacon Calvin Barber

16. MINISTERIAL STANDING

Rev. Clay Engle
Rev. Lester McMahan
Deacon D. J. O'Donnell

Motion made second and carried for moderator to appoint an assistant moderator. Rev. Clay Engle appointed.

Partial report of devotional committee read and accepted. See report.

The moderator declared Bro. Fred McCrory place on the Organizing Council open, and placed Rev. Percy Stokes in this place 1975

10-Minute Recess

Assembled back at 11:00 o'clock with singing. Special by Sis. McMahan. Altar prayer led by Rev. Clay Engle.

Eleven o'clock message by Rev. Alfred Ledlow. Scripture reading, Ezek. 34:12-16, (Bread of Life) Bread and Water) St. John 6:30-36.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing. Scripture reading II Peter 1:1-9. Prayer by Rev. Percy Stokes.

Report of Auditing Committee - read and accepted. See reports.

Report of Temperance Committee - read and accepted. See reports.

Report of Education Committee - read and accepted. See report

Report of Literature Committee - read and accepted. See report.

Partial report of Business Committee read and received to take up Item by Item. Item 1, carried; Item 2, carried; Item 3, carried; Item 4, carried. See report. Treasurer's report read and accepted. See report.

Dismissed by Bro. Ted Tollison.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opened with singing; Prayer by Bro. Cleo Elders, Moderator read Phil-emon 1-19, prayer by Moderator Rev. Marion Jones. Final report of the Devotional Committee read and adopted. See reports. Sunday School report read and accepted. See reports. Altar prayer led by Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

11:00 o'clock message by Rev. Calvin Barber, Jr. Scripture reading Dan. 5:5. Report of Ordaining Council read and accepted. See reports. Report of Business Committee read and accepted to take up item by item. Item 5 accepted. See reports. Report of Ministerial standing read and accepted. See reports.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing. Rev. Clay Engle the Assistant Moderator, in charge. Scripture reading, Psa. 100. Prayer by Rev. Larry Johnson. Family Religion report read and accepted. See reports. Executive: No report. Home Mission Board, No report. Organizing: No report. Business Committee report read and accepted to take item by item. Item 6, accepted with amendment. Item 7, accepted.

Delegates to State Association: Sis. Elders, Talladega Church; Bro. Herman Dollar, Wattsville Church; Sis. McMahan, Friendship Church, Sis. Retha Fisher, Guiding Light Church. Others to be appointed by the pastor and names sent to the clerk.

Bro. Max Mayo, president of the Sunday School Convention gave an oral report about building onto the present building.

Bro. Frank Simpkins trustee to children's home gave an oral report of the children's home.

Motion made, seconded, carried to go into election of officers.

Moderator: Rev. Alfred Ledlow nominated. Moved, seconded, to close on him and he was elected.

Assistant Moderator: Deacon Calvin Barber was nominated. Moved, Seconded and carried to close on him and he was elected.

Clerk-Treasurer for 2 years; Rev. Chester O'Donnell nominated. Moved seconded and carried to close on him and he was elected.

Assistant Clerk: Bro. Frank Simpkins nominated. Moved, seconded and carried to close on him and he was elected.

Minutes read and accepted with proper amendment.

Motion made for the business part of this session stand adjourned to meet in the 1st Quarterly Session in November.

Moderator: Rev. Marion Jones

Assist. Mod.: Rev. Clay Engle

Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

An offering of \$42.00 was received for the Camp Ground. This will not appear on the treasurer's record as he did not receive the money.

Deacon Calvin Barber and Deacon Max Mayo were appointed to take care of the communion and footwashing for the 1st Quarterly Session in Nov.

Communion and Footwashing message by Rev. Herman O'Donnell. Scripture - Deut. 27:26, "Victory in Obedience." 18 took part in the communion and footwashing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. CREDENTIAL: We the Credential Committee have examined the letters from 8 churches and find them in order with fees. We recommend that they be accepted and the delegates seated.
2. DEVOTIONAL: We the devotional committee recommend Rev. Alfred Ledlow for the 11:00 message Friday morning. Rev. Calvin Barber, Jr., Saturday at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Herman O'Donnell for the communion and footwashing message.
3. AUDITING: We the auditing committee have examined the clerk's books, Association, and Home Missions, and find them in order with money correct.
4. LITERATURE. We the Literature Committee think the Holy Bible is the best literature for our homes and churches, we recommend it strongly, also the use of Free Will Baptist Literature in our churches.
5. DECEASED: We the deceased committee are sorry to report the following have departed since we last met: Ragland Church, 1 - Bro. Arlington Cast; Wattsville Church, 1 - Rev. Onnie Dollar; Friendship Church, 1 - Bro. Willie Kendricks; Lookout Mt. Church, 1 - Mrs. Pruitt; Talladega Church, 2 - Sis. Matson, Bro. J. S. Howell.
6. SUNDAY SCHOOL: We your Sunday School committee recommend each church elect Christian teachers, and that the King James Version of the Bible be used for teachers and all literature be taken from the King James Version.
7. FAMILY RELIGION: We your family religion committee recommend that last year's report be reprinted, with this addition. That we have Family Devotions and the parents take their children to Sunday School and preaching. (Last year's report) That parents teach their children the importance of respecting the church and its property, and also the need to be very attentive to the Holy Word of God, as it is read and taught. This privilege may some day be taken away from us. We also encourage the old to do likewise.
8. TEMPERANCE. We your Temperance committee recommend that we practice temperance in our home, churches, school, work and all our daily activity as the word teaches.

9. EDUCATION. We the education committee recommend that the Bible be the basic for our education in our home and churches. We encourage vacation Bible School as a means of learning more about the Bible. We should devote more of our time to the children of our churches and Sunday Schools.

10. RESOLUTION: We recommend that the Free Will Baptist to continue their ban on the Jesus Movement and for the Free Will Baptist to reach out farther to teach our young people the true word of God and to beware of false doctrine.

11. HOME MISSION: No report.

12. EXECUTIVE: No report

13. ORGANIZING COUNCIL: No report.

14. ORDAINING COUNCIL: We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Calvin Barber, Jr., and find him to be in fellowship with the Word of God and the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist, and recommend he be granted license to preach the Gospel for one year.

15. BUSINESS: We your business committee recommend the following items for your consideration.

Item 1. Bro. Calvin Barber, Jr., be called in question and if found worthy he be granted license to preach the gospel for one year.

Item 2. That Associational rulings No. 7 be made to read as follows: That this body elect a moderator and assistant moderator at the close of each session and Quarterly Session of this conference to serve for the next session. The clerk to be elected on the even year to serve for a two year term. He also be elected at the close of the session. And he take office at the First Quarterly Session after the annual session when he is elected, and he be paid 8 cents per mile when traveling on association business plus the \$10.00 he now receives.

Item 3. That the association pray and consider putting an evangelist on the field.

Item 4. That the opening and closing of the ministers and deacons conference be left to the members of the conference.

Item 5. That a minister coming from another association have a certificate of standing from the association he comes from or a letter of recommendation.

Item 6. That we have a ministers and deacons meeting every three months on Friday night before the Quarterly meeting. Amended that we meet one week before the Quarterly session on Friday night.

Item 7. That we buy a water cooler and place at the camp ground.

16. MINISTERIAL STANDING: We recommend that the ministers and deacons that reported in person or by letter be given a certificate of standing. That Bro. Alfred Ledlow, Bro. W. C. Patterson, Bro. Allen Higginbotham be given a life time certificate of standing as they are over 65 years old.

Treasury Report:

Received

From former Treasurer	\$ 245.82
11/20/71 Offering for P&T	1 0.00
11/20/71 Ent. Fee 5 Churches	50.00
2/19/72 Ent. Fee 8 Churches	85.00
5/20/72 Ent Fee 7 Churches	75.00
Total	\$ 465.82

Spent

Moderator Annual Assoc.	\$ 10.00
Frankie Simpkins Trustee	64.00
Ent. Fee to State A.	40.00
Paid Clerk	30.00
Returned to Lookout Mt. Ch.	5.00
Minutes	85.28
Ministers & Deacons Cards	15.92
Communion set pans & towels	31.93
Typewriter fixed	15.00
Other	10.22
Total Spent	307.35

Balance in treasury on August 1, 1972 ----- \$158.47

Home Mission Fund

From old treasurer \$3.33

Received \$129.82

On hand \$7.82

Checking Account .33

Total August 1, 1972 ----- \$133.15

Saving Account ----- 125.00

Total ----- 133.15

Association Property

1 folding table	\$ 10.00
1 Smith-Corona Typewr.	\$ 225.00 \$ 162.00
1 Desk File Cabinet	20.57 15.01
1 Tape recorder	45.00 31.91
1 Communion Set	15.08 15.08
12 W. Pans, 12 Tow.	16.85 16.85
Total Value	\$ 322.50 \$ 250.85

CHURCH LETTERS

FELLOWSHIP: Rt. 1, Ashville, Alabama, Pastor, Rev. Larry Johnson, Leeds, Alabama; Clerk, Loyaltan Ledlow. Delegates: Bro. Ted Tollison, Alt. Sis. Carolyn Banks. **STATISTICS:** Church Membership, 30. Members received by letter 3. Total received 3. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** enrollment 27, average attendance 20, Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00.

FRIENDSHIP: 3030 Comer Ave., N., Pell City, Ala. Pastor, Rev. Lester McMahan, Clerk, Frank Simpkins, 606 N. 29th St., Pell City, Ala., Delegates: Thomas Chapman, Jemmie Linley, Teddie Cains, Prince Simpkins, Myrtie Foster. **STATISTICS:** Church Membership 135. Members received by profession of faith, 7; by letter, 2; total members received 9, Members dismissed: by letter, 7; death 1, Bro. Willie Kindricks. Total members dismissed 7. Sunday School enrollment - 90. Average attendance 80. CTS average attendance 41. Woman's Auxiliary enrollment, average attendance 8. Mid-week service average attendance 45. Licensed ministers 2, Ordained deacons 6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Total received \$23,421.59. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,200.00, Evangelistic work \$400.00. Building and repair \$15,000.00, Literature, \$347.80. Total spent for local causes \$16,947.80. Spent for outside causes. Home mission \$60.00; Orphanage, \$120.00. Total spent for outside causes \$180.00. Total expenditures \$22,671.76. Value of church property \$100,000.00. Value of parsonage, \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$25.00. We request that Bro. Calvin Barber, Jr. be called in question and if found worthy licensed him to preach the gospel for one year.

GUIDING LIGHT: Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama. Pastor, Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala., Clerk, Mrs. Thelma Eastis, Rt. 1, Box 366, Pell City, Ala. Delegates: Sis. Jean Callahan, Sis. Hattie Owen, Sis. Retha Fisher, Bro. Huston Ramsey, Bro. Edward Callahan. **STATISTICS:** Total membership 100, Members received by profession of faith 3, by letter 4, Total received 7, members dismissed by letter 1, deceased 1, Mrs. Lula Carlisle, Total 2. Sunday School average attendance 70: mid-week average attendance 35-40. Ordained ministers 3, ordained deacons 4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Pastor's salary \$480.00 Evangelistic work \$75.00, building and repair \$293.52, literature \$38.73; other \$241.13, heat, light, water \$185.31, spent for outside causes: Home missions, \$10.00, Orphanage, \$156.00. Total expenditure \$1,468.69. Amount enclosed for fees \$20.00.

LOOKOUT MT., Rt. 3, Gadsden, Alabama, Pastor, Rev. Nolan Holland, 207 No. 3rd St., E. Gadsden, Ala., Clerk, Mrs. Jeanne Easterwood, 419 Mayflower St., Gadsden, Ala., delegates: Bro. Jimmy Easterwood, **STATISTICS:** Church membership 44, members received by profession of faith 3, by letter 12, total members received 15, members dismissed by letters 3, deceased 1, total members dismissed 3, Sunday School enrollment 35, average attendance 22, CTS enrollment 9, average attendance 9, ordained ministers 1, ordained deacons 2, financial report: Pastor's salary \$352.00, evangelistic work \$90.00, building and repair \$500.00. Total expenditures \$1,042.00, value of church property \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00.

PLEASANT GROVE: Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala., pastor Rev. Percy Stokes, Leeds, Ala., clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala., Delegates: Mrs. Rhonda O'Donnell, Miss Roxie Muir, Mrs. Lila Mae Bishop, Alternate. **STATISTICS:** Church membership 36, members received by profession of faith 4, by letter 1, total received 5. Members dismissed by letter, 7. Total members dismissed 7, Sunday School enrollment 25. Average attendance 23. Ordained ministers, 6, licensed ministers 1; ordained deacons 2. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Pastor's salary \$352.00, evangelistic work \$90.00, literature \$80.00, other \$204.05, total spent for local causes \$726.05, spent for outside causes: Home missions \$253.20, orphanage \$445.67, superannuation \$15.84, other \$126.60. Total spent for outside causes: \$841.31, total expenditures \$1,567.36. Value of church property \$5,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$15.00.

FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH, Ragland, Ala., Pastor, Rev. Clay Engle, Box 46, Siluria, Ala. 35144; clerk, Mrs. Joan Kay, Rt. 2, Box 126, Ragland, Ala. 35131. Delegates: Bro. Donald Kay, Sis. Bessie Edge, Sis. Bonnie Kay, alternate. **STATISTICS:** Church membership 35, members received by profession of faith 7, by letter 3. Total members received 10. Members dismissed: Deceased, Arlington (Jack) Cast. Sunday School enrollment 35. Ordained ministers 2, ordained deacons 3. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes; Pastor's salary \$1,560.00, evangelistic work \$150.00 spent for outside causes: Home missions \$80.00, orphanage \$170.00. Value of church property \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$15.00.

FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH, Talladega, Ala., Pastor Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Cropell, Ala., Clerk, Mrs. Eunice Davis, Rt. 1, Box 249, Talladega, Ala. 35160. Delegates: Sis. Della Jones, Sis. Grace Waldrup, Sis. Avery Milam, Sis. Eunice Davis, as alternate. **STATISTICS:** Church membership 86. Members received by profession of faith 3, total 3, deceased: Sis. Icy Matson, Bro. J. S. Howel. Sunday School enrollment 65. Average attendance 36. Ordained ministers 4, ordained deacons 4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Pastor's salary \$1,275.00. Evangelistic work \$75.00. Building and repair, \$87.00, literature \$116.18, other \$993.58. Spent for outside causes: Orphanage \$142.92, association projects \$40.00 Youth camp piano \$85.00. Value of church property \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$20.00.

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FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH: Wattsville, Ala., Pastor - Clerk: Mr. J. B. Tims, Box 63, Wattsville, Ala. Delegates: Bro. Bobby Dollar, Bro. Herman Dollar, Bro. Robert Smith, Bro. J. B. Tims, **STATISTICS:** Church membership, 60; members received by profession of faith 6; total received 6, deceased Rev. Onnie Dollar. Sunday School enrollment 70. Average attendance 60. Woman's Auxiliary enrollment 10, average attendance 10, mid-week service average attendance 25, ordained ministers 2, ordained deacons 5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Pastor's salary \$1,200.00, evangelistic work \$280.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Friday Night, August 18, 1972

The conference opened with singing. House called to order by the clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell. The moderator, Rev. J. T. Windsor, took charge reading the 133 Psalm. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Patterson.

Motion made, seconded and carried to go into election of officers for this session. Moderator, Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Rev. Lester McMahan were nominated. Motion carried to close on these two and Rev. Alfred Ledlow was elected. Assistant Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan was nominated and elected. Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell was nominated and elected. Assistant Clerk: Deacon Frank Simpkins was nominated and elected.

Roll Call: On the ministers roll 8 answered in person, 4 did not answer. On the deacons roll 4 answered in person, 1 by letter, 2 did not answer. Ministers with Life Time Certificate: Two had passed away. Rev. J. S. Howel, Rev. Onnie Dollar. Opportunity for membership- Rev. Percy Stokes, Deacon Calvin Barber, and Deacon J. B. Chambliss presented themselves and were received into this body. Motion made and seconded and carried to ask the association to give a Life Time Certificate of Standing to Rev. W. C. Patterson, Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Rev. Allen Higginbotham.

Election of speaker for the 39th Session of ministers and deacons conference. Rev. Chester O'Donnell was nominated and elected. Two subjects were suggested, "Second Coming of the Lord", "Tithing Using the Ten Lepers." The Second Coming of the Lord was chosen.

Alternate Speaker: Rev. W. C. Patterson was nominated and elected.

Minutes read: Motion made, seconded and carried to receive as read.

Motion made to adjourn to meet on Friday night before the third Sunday in August 1973. Evening message by Rev. Lester McMahan, "Repentance." Scripture II Cor. 7:7; Luke 24:46-47; II Pet. 3:9; Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed by Bro. Calvin Barber, Sr.

MINISTER'S ROLL

1. Rev. Clyde Bishop, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. 35953, Ph. 594-4198
2. Rev. Clay Engle, Box 46, Siluria, Ala. 35144, Ph. 663-3097
3. Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. 35953, Ph. 594-4248
4. Rev. J. T. Windsor, 604 29th St., N., Pell City, Ala. 35125, Ph. 338-3476
5. Rev. Lester McMahan, 3028 9th Ave., N., Pell City, Ala. 35125
6. Rev. Percy Stokes, Leeds, Ala.

MINISTERS WITH LIFE TIME CERTIFICATES

1. Rev. Mark Edge, Ragland, Ala. 35131
2. Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. 35953, Ph. 594-4248
3. Rev. Cleo Elders, Talladega, Ala., P.O. Box 85
4. Rev. Marion Jones, 507 Pearl St., Talladega, Ala.
5. Rev. LeRoy Smith, Pell City, Ala. 35125
6. Rev. A. A. Bradshaw, Talladega, Ala.
7. Rev. W. C. Patterson 3309 8th Ave., N., Pell City, Ala. 35125 Ph. 338-7243
8. Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Cropwell, Ala.
9. Rev. Allen Higginbotham, 1108 S. Leighton, Anniston, Ala. 36201 Ph. 237-9723

DEACONS

1. D. J. O'Donnell, Pleasant Grove Church
 2. Alfred O'Donnell, Pleasant Grove Church
 3. J. R. Wiggins, Friendship Church
 4. Frank Simpkins, Friendship Church
 5. Calvin Barber, Friendship Church
 6. Max Mayo, Wattsville Church
 7. J. B. Chamblis, Ragland Church
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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) That the clerk be elected at the close of the session of the annual conference and serve for (2) two years. The election coming on the even year, and he take office the 1st Qt. Session after the annual association. Passed 1972

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 moderator be paid \$10.00 for the 4th Qt. Session which is the annual session in August. This session only for his service; that the clerk be paid \$10.00 each session (4 sessions a year for his services, and he be paid eight (8) cents per mile for his expenses other than coming to association and quarterly meetings. Passed 1972. The Trustee of the children's home be paid eight (8) cents per mile. Passed 1970.

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.

18. That no money be voted out of the Association treasury till all the association expenses are paid. The moderator, clerk, trustee to children's home, entrance fee to State Association and minutes, along with the expense of the office. Ministers and deacons cards printed. Passed 1971.

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. 4:4-8.

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-controllable, 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 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.

CONSTITUTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

Preamble: In order to strengthen and unify our Christian work and the building of Christian character among the members of the Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist, and to promote and maintain a correspondence with each other in a convention wide organization. We propose to band ourselves together in an organic union to keep the rules of such an organization according to the following plan:

Article I. This organization shall be composed and known as the Sunday School and League Convention of Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist.

Article II. This convention shall be composed of said association and shall meet at 2 P.M. Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April of each year and continue through Sunday, the place of meeting will be Liberty No. 2, Camp Ground 3 miles north of Pell City, Ala., unless otherwise stated.

Article III. Any Sunday School or League desiring to become a member of this convention shall send two (2) or more delegated representatives with a petitionary letter, stating the desire of their particular organization to become a member of this body. They shall be received by a majority vote of all members present.

Article IV. The officers of this convention shall be President who shall preside at all meetings, a Vice-President who shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President; a Secretary-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 the members shall be chosen from the Sunday School, one from the League, and one shall be elected at large.

Article VI. All officers: including Executive Committee members must be Christians and Free Will Baptist.

Article VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular business meeting, but notice of such intended change must be given at least twenty-four hours in advance of the proposed amendment or alteration. Any amendment or alteration voted by this body shall be final.

BY-LAWS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

1. Each session shall be opened by singing. Scripture reading and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Each Sunday School shall send one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. These delegates, along with all ordained ministers and deacons with the superintendent in good standing with the Association shall constitute the official board and shall transact all business properly coming before said body.

3. Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers shall be recognized by the presiding officer and invited to a seat in council. They shall not however, have the power to vote on any question.

4. Members from five (5) different Sunday Schools and Leagues shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

5. The president or Vice-president shall preside at all meetings, and in their absence the body may choose one to preside.

6. Anyone wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer as "Brother President" or "Sister President" and be recognized before speaking.

7. No subject shall be discussed without a motion and a second and the question stated by the president.

8. No report shall be adopted except by a motion and a second and a vote taken.

9. The president shall appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the body.

10. Each Sunday School shall send \$5.00 entrance fee, League \$2.00.

11. Delegates may be sent to represent at once both the Sunday School and the League, but must be so authorized and must come equipped with the proper credentials.

12. Attendance Banner: Each Sunday School give the number on the roll and the one with the greatest percentage attending receive the banner. If number on roll is not given we go by the church roll.

13. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be paid \$5.00 each session for service rendered.

14. These By-Laws may be temporarily suspended or permanently altered by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular business meeting of the convention.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
(For Church Conference)

1. Call To Order
2. Call for Peace and Fellowship
3. Opportunity for Membership
4. Invite visiting brothers and sisters to seat
5. Reading of previous minutes
6. Unfinished business
7. Appointment of committee
8. Acknowledgements
9. Committee Reports
10. New Business
11. Adjournment