

MINUTES

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

40TH SESSION

AUGUST 17-18, 1973

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MODERATOR ----- REV. PERCY STOKES  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR ----- REV. PAUL DAVIS  
CLERK-TREASURER -- REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL  
ASSISTANT CLERK --- DEACON FRANK SIMPKINS

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41st Session will be held at the  
Camp Ground  
3 miles north of Pell City, Alabama  
August 16-17, 1974

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Sunday School Convention  
Saturday, April 27, 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday, April 28, 1974  
at Camp Ground

PRESIDENT ----- REV. LESTER McMAHAN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER ----- MISS BRENDA KAY  
Box 35, Ragland, Alabama



FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION - NOVEMBER 18, 1972 - 8 CHURCHES REPORTING  
Moderator: Rev. Alfred Ledlow - Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell  
Devotional Committee: Sis. McMahan, Sis. Hattie Owens, Sis. Bonnie Kay.  
11 O'Clock Hour: Rev. Percy Stokes, Communion and Feetwashing; Rev. Lester McMahan.

Business Committee: Rev. Paul Davis, Rev. Ray Fletcher, Rev. Lester McMahan, Rev. Percy Stokes, Rev. Nolan Holland. No business reported.

Moved by Rev. Ray Fletcher and 2nd by Max Mayo to receive an offering for the camp building - \$29.52 received. This will not appear on the Clerk's record as he did not handle the money. Passed.

11 O'Clock Message by Rev. Percy Stokes, II Tim. 4:2; Subject: "Preach The Word."

Election of Officers for the next Session: Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis; Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ray Fletcher.

Deacons appointed to take care of communion and feetwashing next time: Frank Simpkins, Calvin Barber.

Communion and feetwashing message: Rev. Lester McMahan; Matt. 26:25-30; John 13:4-20.

23 took part in the communion and many in the feetwashing.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION - FEBRUARY 17, 1973 - 8 CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis - Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell  
Devotional Committee: Sis. Roxie Muir, Bro. Kenny Barber, Bro. James Higginbotham.

Business Committee: Rev. Percy Stokes, Rev. Cleo Elders, Rev. Lester McMahan, Bro. Edward Callahan, Rev. Nolan Holland.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Clay Engle, Rev. Ray Fletcher, Rev. Nolan Holland, Bro. Daniel Worlick, Bro. Alfred O'Donnell.

11 O'Clock Message: Rev. Ray Fletcher: Judges 17

Communion and Feetwashing Message: Rev. Clay Engle: I Cor. 11:22-29. St. John 13:1-10. 23 took part in the communion and many in the feetwashing.

Business: Item 1. We recommend Bro. Ollie Dean Simpkins and Bro. Thomas Chapman be called in question and if found worthy be granted license to preach the gospel for one year.

Item 2 - That we drop John Haisten from the roll and ask for his credentials. Ordaining Council Report: We have examined Bro. Ollie Dean Simpkins and Bro. Thomas Chapman and find them sound and recommend they be granted license to preach the gospel for one year.

Deacons Alfred O'Donnell and L.D. Jones were appointed to take care of the communion service for 3rd session.

Officers elected: Moderator: Rev. Ray Fletcher; Assistant Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan.



3rd QUARTERLY SESSION - MAY 19, 1973 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan - Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

Devotional Committee: Sis. Higginbotham, Sis. Pardue, Sis. Fisher.

11 O'Clock Message: Rev. Floyd C. Barber - Topic: "The Whole Family In Heaven" - Eph. 3:13-16; Rom. 8:16; Rev. 3:7, 10-11; 20:14, 21:8; John 10-30; 17:24, Gal. 4:4-5; I Tim. 3:16; Heb. 12:22-24; Luke 18:16; II Cor. 5:1; John 14; Isa. 66:23.

Communion and Feetwashing Message by Rev. Lester McMahan: I Cor. 10:15. 26 took part in the communion and many in the feetwashing.

Rev. Kenneth Walker, Missionary at Mobile, Alabama, gave us a report of his work there.

Business Committee: Thomas Chapman, Junior Mitchell, H. A. O'Donnell, Allen Higginbotham, Sam Kimberly. We recommend the following items:

Item I - Bro. Almus Lee Foster and Teddy Cain be ordained for deacons for Friendship Church.

Item II - That the clerk have the rules and by-laws of camp ground printed by next session and give to the churches. Amendment: The church pastor and one deacon have the right to go over and make changes if they think best, and bring to next Session.

Item III - that we withdraw our support to the Children's Home until they withdraw from the H.E.W. Tabled until August Session.

Item IV - The Ordaining council call in question Bro. Kenny Barber to see if he should be granted license to preach the gospel for one year.

Ordaining Council: Deacon Sam Kimberly, Deacon Frank Simpkins, Rev. Paul Davis, Rev. Alfred Ledlow.

We have examined Bro. Kenny Barber from Talladega Church and recommend he be granted license to preach the gospel for one year. 2. Bro. Amus Lee Foster and Teddy Cain be ordained for deacons for Friendship Church.

Rev. F. C. Barber gave 2 pews to the camp.

Officers for the annual session in August: Moderator: Rev. Percy Stokes; Assistant Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis.

Deacons to take care of the communion service in August: Bobby Dollar, and Teddy Cain.

4TH QUARTERLY SESSION - 40th ANNUAL SESSION OF LIBERTY NO. 2  
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST - AUGUST 17-18, 1973 - 8  
CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. Percy Stokes - Assistant Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis -  
Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell - Assistant Clerk: Frank Simpkins

The 40th Session of Liberty #2 Association met at the camp ground 3 miles North of Pell City, Alabama August 17-18, 1973.

House called to order by clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell - Rev. Paul Davis, the Assistant Moderator, was introduced and took charge.

Scripture Reading: II Cor. 20:4-13 - Prayer by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell. Deacon Alfred O'Donnell was the only Credential Committee Member present. The moderator placed Deacon A. C. Jones and Deacon Max Mayo on the committee.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1. DEVOTIONAL

Sis. Sussie Pardue  
Sis. Rethea Fisher  
Sis. Norma Fletcher

2. Auditing

Rev. Alfred Ledlow  
Bro. Herman Dollar  
Deacon A.C. Jones

3. CREDENTIAL 41st SESSION

Deacon Alfred O'Donnell  
Deacon Max Mayo  
Deacon A. C. Jones

4. LITERATURE

Sis. Karen Johnson  
Bro. Charlie Barber  
Rev. Kenny Barber

5. DECEASED

Sis. Rethea Fisher  
Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell  
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

6. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sis. Myrtie Woodard  
Sis. Dutton  
Bro. George W. Haynes

7. FAMILY RELIGION

Sis. Hattie Owens  
Sis. Sussie Pardue  
Bro. Herman Dollar

8. TEMPERANCE

Rev. Mark Edge  
Deacon Alfred O'Donnell  
Sis. Rethea Fisher

9. EDUCATION

Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell  
Rev. H. A. O'Donnell  
Deacon J. U. Smith

10. RESOLUTION

Rev. Ray Fletcher  
Deacon D. J. O'Donnell  
Deacon O. D. Mitchell

11. HOME MISSIONS

Deacon J. R. Wiggins, Chmn. 1974  
Rev. Percy Stokes - 1975  
Deacon Max Mayo - 1976  
Rev. Thomas Chapman  
Rev. James Barber

12. EXECUTIVE

Rev. Marion Jones, Chmn. 1974  
Rev. H. A. O'Donnell - 1975  
Rev. Ray Fletcher - 1976

13. ORGANIZING COUNCIL

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Chmn.  
Rev. Percy Stokes - 1975  
Rev. Chester O'Donnell - 1976  
Rev. Clay Engle - 1977  
Rev. James Barber - 1978

14. ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Clay Engle, Chmn.  
Rev. Cleo Elders  
Rev. N. K. Holland  
Deacon D. J. O'Donnell  
Deacon Max Mayo

15. BUSINESS

Rev. Alfred Ledlow  
Rev. Clay Engle  
Deacon Max Mayo  
Rev. N. K. Holland  
Deacon D. J. O'Donnell

16. MINISTERIAL STANDING

Deacon J. U. Smith  
Rev. Alfred Ledlow  
Rev. Cleo Elders  
Deacon D. J. O'Donnell



Report of Credential Committee, read and accepted  
Report of Devotional Committee, read and accepted. Partial Report.  
Dismissed for a 10 minute recess by Bro. Alfred O'Donnell.

Assembled back at 11 o'clock with singing, Bro. Alfred Ledlow in charge; prayer by Bro. Cleo Elders. Altar prayer led by Rev. Clay Engle.  
11 o'clock message - Rev. Paul Davis; Scripture: Luke 16:19-31.

(Repentance)

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Max Mayo.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing; Prayer by Bro. Clarence O'Donnell. Scripture reading 15th Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Alfred O'Donnell.

Report of Family Religion - read and accepted.

Report of Deceased Committee - read and accepted.

Moved by Alfred Ledlow and seconded by Max Mayo that we print in our minutes the organization of Liberty #2 Association of Free Will Baptists, First District Quarterly Meeting, and the Minister's Meeting. Passed.

Report of the Auditing Committee - read and accepted.

Treasure Report - read and received (Association and Home Missions).  
Dismissed by Bro. A. C. Jones.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Opened with singing - Moderator; Rev. Percy Stokes in charge - Scripture reading Gal. 5 - Prayer by Rev. Paul Davis.

The rest of the committees were appointed; No. 4, 6, 8, 10. See list of committees for names.

At this time we had a recess, so the committee members could get together and write their report.

Final report of Devotional Committee - read and accepted.

Report of Resolution Committee - read and accepted.

Report of Temperance Committee - read and accepted.

Literature Committee Report - read and accepted.

Report of Sunday School Committee - read and accepted.

11 o'clock message by Rev. Ray Fletcher; Acts 3 (look on us)

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Clay Engle.

#### SATURDAY EVENING

Opened with singing; Prayer by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.

Report of Business Committee - read and accepted to take us item by item. Item 1 - Passed. Item 2 - Passed. Item 3 - Passed. Item 4 -

Passed. Item 5 - Passed. Item 6 - Passed. Item 7 - Passed.

Report of Education Committee - read and accepted.

Home Mission Board - No report.

Report of Trustee to Children's Home (Oral).

Bro. Frank Simpkins resigned as Trustee to the Home. It was accepted. Moved and seconded to wait awhile to replace him. (get a new Trustee). Rev. Larry Johnson was elected in November for the Trustees to the home. Move seconded carried to have some forms printed like the ones Rev. Ray Fletcher has and they be given to the ministers and deacons to fill out for the ministers and deacon meeting.

Delegates to State Association - Moved and seconded to let each church get one delegate and send the name to the clerk. Passed.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved, seconded and carried to go into election of officers for the coming 2 years. Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Rev. Paul Davis, and Deacon Alfred O'Donnell were nominated. Motion made, seconded and carried to close on these three and elect. Rev. Alfred Ledlow elected; Assistant Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis nominated and elected.

Minutes read and accepted with proper amendment.

Motion to stand adjourn the business part of the session, and meet in the 1st Quarterly Session of the 41st Session in November at the camp ground.

Communion and footwashing message by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell. 20 took part in the communion and many in the footwashing. Deacon Alfred O'Donnell and Deacon Frank Simpkins were appointed to take care of the communion and footwashing at the 1st Quarterly Session in November.

Rev. Roy O'Donnell gave his testimony and dismissed us in prayer.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIAL (3) - We, the Credential Committee have examined the letters from 8 churches and find them in order and recommend the delegates be seated.

2. AUDITING - We, the Auditing Committee have examined the books of treasurer-clerk and Home Mission and find them in order.

1. DEVOTIONAL - We the Devotional Committee recommend, Rev. Paul Davis to preach the 11 o'clock message Friday. 2. Rev. Ray Fletcher the 11 o'clock message Saturday. 3. Rev. Herman O'Donnell the communion and footwashing message.

4. LITERATURE - We the Literature Committee recommend the Holy Bible as the best literature for our homes and churches. We recommend the national and state papers. We recommend strongly that our literature be fundamental.

5. DECEASED - We the Deceased Committee are sorry to report the following have departed since we last met: From Pleasant Grove, Sis. Agnes Martin - 1st F.W.B. Church - Talladega, Sis. Jessie Jones - Bro. William Smith - 1st F.W. Baptist Church, Ragland - Bro. George Bagwell.

6. SUNDAY SCHOOL - We the Sunday School Committee recommend that each church elect Christian teachers and that the King James version of the Bible be used for the teacher. All Sunday School literature be taken from the K.J.V. That each Sunday School Superintendent work hard for the furtherance and strengthen the Sunday School and preaching, and teach them the rules and regulation.

7. FAMILY RELIGION - We your Family Religion Committee recommend that we have family devotions and Bible readings in our homes.

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. We also recommend that every member of the F.W.B. read and study our covenant, and that we be temperate.

9. EDUCATION - Recommend that last years report be printed. "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 School.

10. RESOLUTION - We the Resolution Committee recommend that we as Free Will Baptists be on constant guard against false doctrine and hold to the teaching of the King James Version of the Bible. Also that we make more effort to teach our youth, and that more effort be made to assist and train our young converts as to the doctrine and practice of Free Will Baptist.

11. HOME MISSION BOARD - No report.

12. EXECUTIVE - No report.

13. ORGANIZING COUNCIL - No Report.

14. ORDAINING COUNCIL - No Report.

15. BUSINESS - We the Business Committee recommend: Item 1 - Part A: Each minister and deacon send a report in each quarter. Part B: We request that each minister preach 12 sermons each year. Item 2 - We elect Moderator and Assistant Moderator for 2 years. Item 3 - Each minister and deacon coming from another denomination or association shall be called before an ordaining council. Item 4 - Any minister marrying a couple that has been married before be brought before an ordaining council. Item 5 - That devotional committee be eliminated, and preachers be used in alphabetical order. Clerk using the ministers conference roll. Item 6 - Request that ministers and deacons questionnaire forms be ordered from Nashville, Tenn. Item 7 - That the names of each minister and deacon that joined the conference be turned over to the clerk, to be put on the original list.

16. MINISTERIAL STANDING - We your Ministerial Standing Committee ask that all ministers and deacons that are in good standing be given certificate of standing for one year and all that are over 65 years be given a life time certificate.

#### ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

	COST	VALUE
1 Folding Table		\$ 9.00
1 Smith Corona Typewriter	\$225.00	145.80
1 Desk File Cabinet	20.57	13.51
1 Tape Recorder	45.00	28.62
1 Communion Set	15.08	13.51
12 Wash Pans and 12 Towels	16.85	15.17
TOTAL	\$322.50	\$225.61

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand August 1, 1972	\$158.47
August 1972 Ministers & Deacons & Churches fees	\$143.00
November 1972 Ministers, Deacons, Church fees	\$ 80.00
February 1973 Ministers, Deacons, Churches fees	87.00
May 1973 Ministers, Deacons, Churches fees	75.00
Total Received	\$385.00
Grand Total	\$543.47

#### PAID OUT

Moderator August Session	\$10.00
Clerk 4 Sessions	40.00
Children's Home Trustee	64.00
Minutes	114.40
Ent. Fee State Association	40.00
Stamps, Milage, Tablecloth	14.19
Total Spent	\$282.59
Balance in Treasury August 1st, 1973	\$260.88

#### HOME MISSION TREASURY

August 1st, 1972 in general fund	\$3.33
August 1st, 1972 given in trust to Chester O'Donnell to be used in home mission in Liberty #2 Association only or return to sender	- \$ 129.82
Received for the year, to be used same as above	232.57
Total in Account August 1st, 1973	365.72
In checking account - \$ .33	
In saving account	365.39
Total August 1, 1973 -	\$365.72

#### MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Friday night, August 17, 1973

The ministers and deacons conference met at the camp ground on Friday night, August 17, 1973.

The session opened with singing. House called to order by Rev. Chester O'Donnell, the Moderator. Rev. Alfred Ledlow was introduced and took charge reading II Cor. 6:13-18. Prayer by Rev. Lester McMahan.

Roll Call.

Bro. Ray Fisher and Bro. W. H. Barber made acknowledgement and they were accepted.

Motion made by Paul Davis and 2nd by Ray Fletcher that Ollie D. Simpkin and Richard Liner and Bobby Dollar names be added to the roll.

Opportunity for membership: Deacon J. U. Smith, Teddy Cain, Jimmy Banks, Loyaltan Ledlow, Rev. Calvin Barber, Jr., Rev. Ray Fisher, and W. H. Barber. These were received by the proper move and 2nd, and given the right hand of fellowship.

Election of Officers: Moderator, Rev. Ray Fletcher; Rev. N. K. Holland were nominated. Motion carried to close on these two. Rev. Ray Fletcher elected. Assistant Moderator: Rev. N. K. Holland nominated and nomination closed on him. He was elected. Clerk: Chester O'Donnell and Frank Simpkins were nominated. Motion carried to close on these two and Chester O'Donnell was elected. Moved and 2nd and carried to retain the assistant clerk, Frank Simpkins.

Speaker for 1974: Rev. Paul Davis, Rev. J. T. Windsor, Rev. Calvin Barber, Jr. were nominated. Motion made and seconded and carried to close on these three. Rev. Calvin Barber, Jr. was chosen. Moved, seconded and carried that the runner-up, Rev. J. T. Windsor, be the alternate.

Subject for the 1974 session: 1. God is calling you - 2. Justification. 3. Holy Spirit. Moved, seconded and carried to close on these 3. Justification was chosen.



Moved, seconded and carried that the ministers of Liberty #2 Association of Free Will Baptist are against legalized dog racing in St. Clair County, and Aubry Carr be notified.

Moved, seconded and carried to stay open till Saturday afternoon.

Message by Rev. Chester O'Donnell "The Return" "The Second Coming of Christ"

Dismissed by Bro. J. R. Wiggins.

Opened Saturday afternoon. Opportunity for membership. Rev. Kenny Barber presented himself and was received with proper move and second.

Minutes read and received with proper amendment.

Moved to stand adjourned.

#### MINISTER'S ROLL

1. Rev. Barber, Calvin Jr. - Pell City, Alabama 35125
2. Rev. Barber, Kenny - Talladega, Alabama
3. Rev. Barber, W. H. - Rt. 1, Pell City, Alabama 35125
4. Rev. Bradshaw, A. A. (L.T.C.) - Talladega, Alabama
5. Rev. Davis, Paul - 19 North 30th Street - Pell City, Alabama 35125
6. Rev. Edge, Mark (L.T.C.) - Box 82, Ragland, Alabama Ph. 476-3663
7. Rev. Elders, Cleo (L.T.C.) - P.O. Box 85, Talladega, Alabama
8. Rev. Engle, Clay - Rt. 1 Box 178A - Harpersville, Alabama
9. Rev. Fisher, Ray
10. Rev. Fletcher, Ray - Rt. 1 Box 227-aa, Pell City, Ala. 35125 Ph. 338-9840
11. Rev. Higginbotham, Allen (LTC) 1108 Leighton S, Anniston, Ala. Ph. 338-9840
12. Rev. Holland, N.K. - 313 Springdale Road, Gadsden, Alabama
13. Rev. Johnson, Larry - Leeds, Ala. 35094
14. Rev. Jones, Marion (L.T.C.) - 507 Pearl St., Talladega, Alabama
15. Rev. Ledlow, Alfred (L.T.C.) - Cropwell, Alabama
16. Rev. Liner, Richard
17. Rev. McMahan, Lester - 3028 9th Ave. N., Pell City, Ala. 35125
18. Rev. O'Donnell, Chester - Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953 Ph. 594-4248
19. Rev. O'Donnell, H.A. (L.T.C.) - Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953 Ph. 594-4248
20. Rev. Patterson, W. C. (L.T.C.) - 3309 8th Ave. N., Pell City, Al. 35125 Ph. 338-7243
21. Rev. Simpkins, O.D. - Pell City, Al. 35125
22. Rev. Smith, LeRoy - (L.T.C.) - Pell City, Al. 35125
23. Rev. Stokes, Percy - Leeds, Alabama
24. Rev. Windsor, J. T. - 604 29th St. N., Pell City, Alabama 35125

#### DEACONS

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| 1. D. J. O'Donnell, Guiding Light   | 8. Max Mayo, Wattsville 1st     |
| 2. Alfred O'Donnell, Pleasant Grove | 9. Bobby Dollar, Wattsville 1st |
| 3. J. R. Wiggins, Friendship        | 10. Loyaltan Ledlow, Fellowship |
| 4. Frank Simpkins, Friendship       | 11. Jimmy Banks, Fellowship     |
| 5. Orlie Mitchel, Friendship        | 12. J. U. Smith, Lookout Mt.    |
| 6. Calvin Barber, Friendship        | 13. A. C. Jones, Talladega 1st. |
| 7. Teddie Cain, Friendship          |                                 |

#### CHURCH LETTERS

1. FRIENDSHIP: Pastor: Lester McMahan, 3028 9th Avenue N., Pell City, Ala. - Clerk: Frank Simpkin, 600 N. 29th St., Pell City - Delegates: G. W. Haynes, D. C. Morrow, Charlie Barber, Prenice Simpkins, Sussie Pardue, Church Membership: 135 - Members received: By Profession of Faith - 2, by letter 4, by statement of faith - 2; total 8. Members dismissed: by letter 3. Total 3. Sunday School enrollment 95. Average attendance 90. Number of ordained ministers 2; number of licensed ministers 4; CTS enrollment 50; Average Attendance 40; mid-week service average attendance 50. Number of ordained deacons 7; Financial Report: Spent for local causes; Pastor's Salary: \$2,100.00. Evangelistic Work: \$300.00. Building and repair \$500.00 - Literature \$384.93 - Other \$1,060.33. Total spent for local causes: \$4,345.26 - Spent for outside causes: Home Mission \$60.00; Orphanage \$340.00; Property: \$3200.00; Camp Ground \$753.45. Total spent for outside causes \$4,353.45. Total expenditures: \$21,385.13. Value of Church Property \$100,000.00. Value of parsonage property \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$25.00.
2. FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF TALLADEGA - Pastor: Rev. Paul Davis, 19th N. 30th St., Pell City, Al. - Clerk: Mrs. Eunice Davis, Rt. 1 Box 249, Talladega Al. - Delegates: Bro. Kenny Barber, Bro. Cleo Elder, Bro. A. C. Jones. Alternate: Bro. A. M. Davis. Church membership: Resident: 60, Non-Resident 10 - Total Membership 71. Members received: by profession of faith 5; by letter 2; by statement of faith 1. Total members received 8. Members dismissed: by letter 2, excluded 15, deceased 2; total members dismissed 17. Sunday School enrollment 65; average attendance 42, mid-week service average attendance 15; number of ordained ministers 6; number of licensed ministers 2 number of ordained deacons 4; Financial Report: spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$1,087.50 - Evangelistic work - \$125.00; Building and Repair - \$909.80; Literature \$157.50; Other \$206.28; Total spent for local causes: \$2,724.08. Spent for outside causes : Orphanage \$212.14; Associational projects \$203.09; Other \$70.00; Total spent for outside causes \$485.23. Value of church property \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$15.00.
3. LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Gadsden Alabama - Pastor: Rev. Nolan K. Holland, 313 Springdale Road, Gadsden, Al.; Clerk: Tommy R. Ragsdale, Rt. 3 Gadsden, Alabama 35901; Delegates: Sis. Janice Williams, Church membership 35; members received by profession of faith 1; by statement of faith 1; total members received 2; members dismissed - by letter 2; total members dismissed 2; Sunday School enrollment 35. Average attendance 25, number of ordained ministers 1; number of ordained deacons 2; financial report - Pastor's Salary \$250.00; Literature \$60.00 - Total spent for local causes - \$310.00. Value of church property \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$15.00
4. FELLOWSHIP - Rt. 2, Ashville, Al. 35953 - Pastor: Rev. Larry Johnson; Leeds, Al.; Clerk: Bro. Loyaltan Ledlow, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953. Delegates: Sis. Karen Johnson, Alt. Sis. Barbara Vincent. Church membership 26;



members received by profession of faith 6; by letter 2; by statement of faith 1; total members received 9; members dismissed: by letter 5; excluded 6; total members dismissed 11. Sunday School enrollment 32; average attendance 27; mid-week service average attendance 12; number of ordained ministers 1; number of ordained deacons 2; value of church property \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00

5. PLEASANT GROVE - Ashville, Al. Rt. 1 - Pastor: Rev. Percy Stokes, Leeds, Al. - Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953. Delegates: Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Roxie Muir, Alt. Bro. John Muir. Church membership 38 - Members received: by profession of faith 4; total members received 4. Members dismissed by letter 1, deceased 1, Sis. Agnes Martin - total dismissed 1, Sunday School enrollment 25; average attendance 25, number of ordained ministers 5, number of ordained deacons 1 - spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$350.00; Evangelistic Work \$70.00; Literature \$100.00. Other \$194.91. Total spent for local causes \$624.91. Spent for outside causes: Home Missions \$456.08; Orphanages \$712.66; Superannuation \$28.48; Associational project \$228.04. Total spent for outside causes \$ 1,425.26. Total expenditures \$2,040.17. Value of church property \$5,000.00; amount enclosed for fees \$15.00.

6. FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - Ragland, Alabama - Pastor: Rev. Clay Engle, Rt. 1 Box 176-A, Harpersville, Al.; Clerk: Miss Bonnie Kay, P. O. Box 35, Ragland, Al. 35131. Delegates: Sis. Bertha Higginbotham, Sis. Betty Davidson. Church membership 50; Members deceased 1, Bro. George Bagwell; Sunday School Enrollment 44; Average Attendance 32; mid-week service average attendance 12; number of ordained ministers 2; number of ordained deacons 3; spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary \$1,530.00; Evangelistic work \$241.54; Building and repair \$3,518.56; Bank \$1,452.50; Other \$435.88. Total spent for local causes \$7,178.48. Spent for outside causes: orphanage \$55.00; Associational projects \$45.00; Other \$100.00; Youth Camp \$352.97. Total spent for outside causes \$552.97. Total expenditures \$7,731.45; value of church property \$18,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$15.00

7. WATTSVILLE - Pastor: Rev. Ray Fletcher, Rt. 1 Box 227-AA, 35125 Pell City, Al. Ph. 338-9840. Clerk: Herman L. Dollar, 2001 3rd Avenue S. Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Bro. Herman Dollar, Sis. Myrtie Woodward, Sis. Norma Fletcher, Sis. Francis Dollar. Membership 77; Members received by profession of faith 3; by letter 5; by statement of faith 1; Total Members received 9. Sunday School Enrollment 60; Average attendance 51, number of ordained ministers 2; number of ordained deacons 5; spent for local causes Pastor's Salary \$1,263.86; Evangelistic Work \$317.36; Building and Repair \$2,600.84; Literature \$799.74; Other \$1,016.57; spent for local causes \$5,998.37. Spent for outside causes: Home Missions \$90.00; Associational projects \$40.00; Youth Camp \$223.33. Total spent for outside causes \$353.33. Total expenditures \$6,351.70. Value of church property \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$20.00

8. GUIDING LIGHT - Rt. 1. Pell City, Al. - Pastor: Rev. J. T. Windsor, 604 29th N., Pell City, Al. 35125; Clerk: Mrs. Lillian Callahan, Rt. 1

Box 65A, Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Bro. Edward J. Callahan, Bro. Huston Ramsey, Sis. Hatie Owens, Sis. Rethea Fisher, Bro. Daniel O'Donnell, members received by letter 2; total 2; members dismissed by letter 2, total 2; Sunday School enrollment 65; average attendance 60; mid-week service average attendance 35; number of ordained ministers 2; number of ordained deacons 5; spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary \$500.00; Evangelistic Work \$75.00; Building and repair \$21.90; Literature \$32.47; Other \$238.13. Total spent for local causes \$867.50. Spent for outside causes: orphanages \$107.00; Associational projects \$40.00; Other \$597.00; value of church property \$5000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$20.00.

#### 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 organization 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 1968) That the clerk be elected at the close of the session annual conference and serve for two (2) years. The election coming on the even year, and he take office the 1st Quarterly 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 Quarterly 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 committee 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 and land when and where a new church is organized. The deeds be made in such 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 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-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 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.

## LIBERTY NO. 2

### 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.

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### 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.

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#### ORGANIZATION OF LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION

The Liberty #2 Association was organized on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1934.

The Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Pell City, Ala. met with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Ashville, Ala. and organized the Liberty #2 Association.

The councilmen of ordained ministers and deacons: Rev. E. J. Carlisle, Rev. N. Polk, Rev. W. B. Hollis, Deacon W. B. Jackson.

Pleasant Grove: Delegates: Bro. H. D. O'Donnell, R. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Rosco Gardner, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Rev. H. T. Perkins. The council examined the delegates and found them in harmony with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. E. J. Carlisle, Moderator - Bro. R. W. Wiggins, Clerk

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#### 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