

MINUTES

**Liberty No. 2 Association**

Of The Original

**Free Will Baptist Church**

State of Alabama

43rd SESSION

AUGUST 13-14, 1976

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MODERATOR ----- REV. LESTER McMAHAN

ASSISTANT MODERATOR ----- REV. GARY GEARHART

CLERK-TREASURER ----- REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL

ASSISTANT CLERK ----- DEACON FRANK SIMPKINS

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44th Session will be held at the  
Camp Ground  
3 miles north of Pell City, Alabama

August, 1977

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Sunday School Convention

April, 1977

Secretary-Treasurer - Miss Brenda Kay

Box 35, Ragland, Alabama

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Home Mission Treasurer, Chester O'Donnell

Route 1, Ashville, Ala. 35953

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION - NOVEMBER 15, 1975 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan. Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell. House called to order: Prayer by Rev. Ernest Walker. Scripture reading II Cor. 4:3-6. Credential Committee: Deacon Max Mayo, Chmn., Bro. Jerone Wyatt, Rev. James Barber.

Report of Credential Committee, read and accepted. We the credential committee have examined the letters from 7 churches and find them in order. We recommend the letters be received and the delegates seated.

Committees: Business: Rev. Paul Davis, Chmn., Bro. Louie Lee, Bro. William Dutton, Bro. Edward Callahan, Rev. Robert Sanders.

Ordaining Council. Rev. Percy Stokes, Chmn., Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Rev. Ernest Walker, Deacon J.U. Smith, Rev. Clay Engle.

Report of Business Committee: read and received to take up business item by item. Item 1. Bro. Gary Gearhart be called before the ordaining council.

Item 2. We hire some one to clean camp ground and building before association meeting (4 times) a year. Price to be set by the body.

Amended to take in Sunday School, making 5 times a year. Passed.

Motion made, second, carried for each church to pay \$10.00 each quarter to pay some one to clean camp house and ground. Bro. Louie Lee, elected.

Item 3. Item 10 of Association rulings last clause be changed to read, The trustee of the children's home be paid fifteen (15) cents per mile to board meeting. Passed.

Item 4. That we take insurance on camp building. Carried.

Moved, seconded and carried, Bro. Lester McMahan, and Bro. Paul Davis see about the insurance.

Moved, seconded and carried to table business till after lunch. Prayer by Rev. Herman O'Donnell.

Morning message by Rev. Percy Stokes: Scripture, Rom. 13: "The Church" Matt. 16:16-18. Eph. 5:22. Offering for children's home \$32.25. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Lester McMahan.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer by Bro. Callahan.

Moved, seconded and carried to take business from table.

Item 5. That we drop communion and footwashing from quarterly session, and have it at the annual session and in our churches. Passed.

Item 6. We recommend we try to get more water pressure. Passed.

Item 7. We recommend we receive an offering for the children's home each session. Passed.

Item 8. Bro. Jimmy Conner, 102 Judy Circle, Talladega, Al. Ph. 362-4996 from the Talladega Church be the Trustee to the children's home. Passed.

Report of Ordaining-Council, We have examined Bro. Gary Gearhart and recommend he be ordained to preach the Gospel. Passed. They proceeded with the charge, prayer and laying on of hands. Charge given by Rev. Ernest Walker, Prayer by Rev. Herman O'Donnell.

Report of Home Mission Board, read and received.

Item 1. We will pay \$60.00 per month to anyone approved to start a mission.

Item 2. Missionary get \$100.00 of mission offering after mission expenses.



Item 3. That 3 board members go with any minister who finds a place to start a mission, in order to make a report to the board as to our help.

Bro. Max Mayo, Bro. Frank Simpkins, to take care of communion and feet washing.

Minutes read and accepted. Moved to adjourn.

Communion and feetwashing message by Rev. Clay Engle. Scripture, St. John 13:4-9. 29 took part in the communion and many in the feetwashing.

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION - FEBRUARY 14, 1976 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING

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

House called to order. Scripture reading II Cor. 13, Prayer by Bro. Thomas Goodwin.

Credential Committee: Rev. Clay Engle, Rev. Ernest Walker, Bro. Martin Patterson.

Report of credential committee read and accepted: We the credential committee have examined the letters from 7 churches, and find them in order. We recommend the delegates be seated, and the business be turned to business committee.

Business Committee: Rev. Paul Davis, Chmn., Rev. Mark Edge, Rev. Edward Layton, Rev. Percy Stokes, Deacon Alfred O'Donnell.

Received offering for children's home. \$35.00.

Report of business committee read and accepted, and Item I turned over to the Ordaining Council. Item I. We recommend Bro. Robert Earl Sanders, John Coldwell, and Bro. Harless Thomas Goodwin be called in question and if found worthy, be licensed to preach for one year. From Talladega Church.

Ordaining Council: Deacon Alfred O'Donnell, Chmn., Rev. Ernest Walker, Deacon J. U. Smith, Rev. Percy Stokes, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.

Rev. Paul Davis gave an oral report about the National Operational Partnership, and the state retirement and insurance.

Altar prayer: Morning message by Rev. N. K. Holland, scripture, Matt. 8:23-26.

Dismissed for lunch and blessing on food by Rev. Mark Edge.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading Acts 17:30-31. Prayer by Rev. Clay Engle.

Afternoon message by Rev. Edward Layton, (Jesus is the Life.)

Report of Ordaining Council. Read and accepted. We the Ordaining Council have questioned Bro. Robert Earl Sanders, Bro. Harless Thomas Goodwin, and Bro. John Coldwell, and find them sound in the faith and doctrine. We recommend that they be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Item 2. Of Business Committee: read and accepted. We recommend the churches send their janitor fee to clerk of Association and he will pay the janitor.

Minutes read and adopted. Motion to stand adjourned till May session.

Dismissed by Bro. J. R. Wiggins.

## THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION - MAY 15, 1976 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. N. K. Holland, Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

Prayer by Rev. Paul Davis; House called to order by clerk. The Moder-

ator being absent, and the assistant moderator having left the association. The clerk asked Rev. H. A. O'Donnell to act as moderator till one could be elected. Scripture reading, Gal 5th chapter. Prayer by Rev. N. K. Holland.

Credential Committee: Bro. J. U. Smith, Bro. Alfred O'Donnell, Bro. Bobby Dollar.

Report of Credential Committee read and accepted. We the Credential Committee have examined the letters from 7 churches and find them in order with one church not sending money for janitor fee. We recommend the delegates be seated and business be turned to business committee.

Moved, seconded, carried to elect moderator for this session and as assistant moderator to fill this vacancy.

Bro. N. K. Holland and Bro. Paul Davis were nominated for Moderator. Closed on these two, and Rev. N. K. Holland was elected. Bro. Holland took charge.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis, and Gary Gearheart were nominated. Closed on these two and Bro. Gary Gearhart was elected.

Business Committee: Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Chmn., Deacon J. U. Smith, Bro. Richard Daffon, Deacon Jimmie Easterwood, Sis. Faye Wilson.

Ordaining Council - Rev. Paul Davis, Chmn., Rev. Ernest Walker, Rev. James Barber.

Report of Business Committee: Read and received. Item I. We recommend Bro. Tim Holland be brought before the Ordaining Council, and if found worthy he be ordained a deacon for Lookout Mt. Free Will Baptist Church.

Morning message: Rev. Chester O'Donnell. Scripture, Daniel 1:5-14, II Kings 7:4-7; Mark 4:21-23. Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed by Bro. Jimmie Easterwood.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Offering for children's home \$13.75.

Ordaining Council report read and accepted. We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Nolan T. Holland and find him worthy to be ordained a deacon.

The council proceeded with charge (given by Rev. Paul Davis). Prayer led by Rev. N. K. Holland, and laying on of hands.

Item 2. of Business Committee: read and accepted for discussion. Moved by Rev. Paul Davis to table this item till the August session, seconded and passed. Dismissed by Rev. N. K. Holland.

## FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION - 43RD ANNUAL SESSION OF LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST - AUGUST 13, 14, 1976 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING.

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

The 43rd annual session of Liberty #2 Association of Free Will Baptist met at the camp ground on August 13-14, 1976.

Association called to order by clerk: Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan took charge reading Heb. 11:1-2, Prayer by Bro. Martin Patterson.

Credential Committee: Rev. Paul Davis, Rev. Cleo Elders, Bro. Louie Lee.



Report of Credential Committee, read and accepted. We your credential committee have examined the letters from 7 churches and find them in order. (Pleasant Grove and Lookout Mt. Letters were late)

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| 1. CREDENTIAL 44th SESSION<br>Rev. Paul Davis, Chmn.<br>Rev. Cleo Elders<br>Bro. Louie Lee   | 2. BUSINESS AND AUDITING<br>Bro. J. R. Wiggins, Chmn.<br>Bro. Martin Patterson<br>Bro. John Alverson<br>Bro. Alfred O'Donnell<br>Rev. Paul Davis                  |
| 3. DECEASED<br>Sis. Retha Fisher<br>Sis. Martha Patterson<br>Sis. Brenda Kay   | 4. LITERATURE & SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>Sis. Bonnie Jones<br>Sis. Brenda Kay<br>Sis. Irene Dyer  |
| 5. EXECUTIVE<br>Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Chmn., 1977<br>Bro. Cleo Elders 1978<br>Bro. Hardy Rich 1979   | 6. EDUCATION AND FAMILY RELIGION<br>Sis. Joy Chapman<br>Sis. Agniss Alverson<br>Sis. Myrtie Burton  |
| 7. TEMPERANCE AND RESOLUTION<br>Sis. Connie Kay<br>Sis. Martha Patterson<br>Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell  | 8. HOME MISSION<br>Rev. Thomas Chapman, Chmn. 1977<br>Rev. James Barber 1978<br>Rev. Clay Engle 1979<br>Rev. Chester O'Donnell 1980<br>Bro. Martin Patterson 1981 |
| 9. ORGANIZING COUNCIL<br>Rev. Clay Engle, Chmn. 1977<br>Rev. James Barber 1978<br>Rev. Alfred Ledlow* 1979<br>Rev. Lester McMahan 1980<br>Rev. Paul Davis 1981 | 10. ORDAINING COUNCIL<br>Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Chmn.<br>Rev. Cleo Elders<br>Deacon Alfred O'Donnell<br>Deacon Frank Simpkins<br>Rev. Paul Davis                   |
| 11. MINISTERIAL STANDING<br>Rev. Cleo Elders, Chmn.<br>Bro. Hardy Rich<br>Bro. Charles Thomas  |   |

Report of Deceased Committee: Read and accepted.

Report of Temperance and Resolution, read and accepted.

Sunday School and Literature, read and accepted.

Education and Family Religion, read and accepted.

Partial report of Business and Auditing: read and received to take up item by item. Item 1. Passed. Item 2. Passed. Item 3. Passed.

11:00 o'clock message by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell. Dismissed by Bro. J. R. Wiggins.

No afternoon session.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Rev. Gary Gearhart in charge. Scripture reading: Col. 3:1-4, prayer by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell. Final report of Credential Committee read and accepted. The (2) two late letters.

Committee reportings: Executive, No report. Home Mission Board, no report. Organizing Council: no report. Association Treasurer, read and received. Home Mission Treasurer, read and accepted.

Delegates to State Association: Bro. Hardy Rich, Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Brenda Kay, Sis. Elders, Bro. Richard Daffrom.

Moved, seconded and carried to elect clerk and assistant clerk for the coming two (2) years. Chester O'Donnell was nominated. Motion to close on him and he was elected. Assistant Clerk: Bro. Frank Simpkins was nominated. Motion carried to close on him and he was elected.

Ministerial Standing: read and accepted.

Business and Auditing: Item 4, Passed. Item 5, Passed. Item 6. Passed. Item 7, Passed.

Offering for children's home, \$30.00. Prayer by Alfred O'Donnell.

Ordaining Council report: read and accepted.

11:00 O'clock message, Rev. Paul Davis, Scripture, Matt. 7:21-27; prayer by Rev. N. K. Holland. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.

Lunch was enjoyed by all.

## Saturday Afternoon

Scripture reading: Psalms 121, prayer by Bro. John Coldwell.

Deacons appointed to take care of communion service. Deacon Alfred O'Donnell, Deacon Max Mayo.

The Ordaining Council took charge with the ordination of Bro. Bobby Ray with prayer and laying on of hands. Rev. N. K. Holland placed on Ordaining Council. Prayer by Rev. Holland

Minutes read and adopted with proper amendments. Communion and feet-washing message by Rev. Cleo Elders. Scripture, John 13:1-18, 21. 18 took part in the communion and many in the feetwashing.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Credential: We your Credential Committee have examined the letters from, Friendship, Wattsville, Guiding Light, Talladega, Ragland. With Pleasant Grove and Lookout Mt. coming in Saturday morning, and find them in order, some of the churches did not send their janitor fee. We recommend the delegates be seated.

2. Business and Auditing: We your Business and Auditing Committee offer the the following recommendations:

Item 1. That a lawn mower be purchased and left at camp ground. Price not to exceed \$175.00.

Item 2. That Bro. Bobby Kay be referred to Ordaining Council.

Item 3. We have examined the treasurer's book and find them in order. It was noted that only 3 churches were giving to home mission. Three churches had not paid their song book fees. Recommend local pastors bring this before said churches.

Item 4. That Bro. Bobby Golden License be extended for one year.



Item 5. That the secretary be appointed to purchase the lawn mower.

Item 6. That a love offering be taken for the children's home

Item 7. That Friday portion of Association be deleted and association begin at 7 P.M. Friday night. After ministers conference. This is due to amount of business and attendance due to people having to work. Committee to be appointed Friday night after minister and deacon conference. Starting time on Saturday to be 9 A.M.

Item 8. That Bro. Larry Johnson be granted a letter of recommendation to Cahaba River Association. Passed.

3. Deceased: We the Deceased Committee regret to report that these have departed from our midst since we last met.

From Ragland Church: Bro. W.W. (Bill) Hines. Talladega Church: Rev. Marion Jones, Sister Grace Waldrop.

4. Literature and Sunday School: We the Literature and Sunday School Committee recommend that we continue to use the King James version of the Holy Bible as a basis for teaching in the homes and Sunday School. We recommend the use of Christian games in the youth classes to promote interest in learning. We recommend the use of outside activities for Christian fellowship to keep the young people active in the church. We highly recommend that the Sunday School Supt. encourage more activities that will promote growth.

5. Executive: No report.

6. Education and Family Religion: We your Education & Family Religion Committee recommend that we reprint last year's. "We have more family devotion and Bible reading and teach our children Christian attitude."

7. Temperance and Resolution: We your temperance and Resolution Committee recommend that we practice temperance in our home, church, 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. Be it resolved "that we do more for home missions." 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.

8. Home Mission. No report

9. Organizing Council: No report

10. Ordaining Council: We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Bobby Kay and recommend he be ordained a deacon for Ragland Church.

11. Ministerial Standing: We the ministerial Standing Committee have examined the recommendation of Ministers and Deacons Conference and find them in good standing. We recommend they receive a certificate of standing.

#### ASSOCIATION TREASURER:

On hand, August 1, 1975	\$ 430.67
Received:	
Entrance fees, August 75	115.00
Ministers & Deacons Nov. 75	25.00
Church Fees Nov. 75	70.00
Ministers and Deacons fees 75	16.00
Children's Home Nov. 75	32.25
Church Fees Feb. 76	70.00
Ministers and Deacons fees	14.00
Children's Home offering	35.00
Church Fees May 76	70.00
Ministers & Deacons fees	3.00
Offering Children's Home	13.75
Song Books: Pleasant Grove	
Ragland, Talladega	
Wattsville, \$ 63.75 each	255.00
Janitor fee	150.00
Total	\$1,299.67
Balance August 1, 76	\$ 504.59

#### Spent:

Aug. 14, 75 Moderator	\$ 10.00
Aug. 14, 75 Clerk	15.00
Nov. 75, Clerk	15.00
Children's Home	15.00
State Assoc. Food Fund	25.00
State Assoc. Fees	35.00
Minutes & Envelopes	165.12
Mileage for Clerk	11.44
Miscellaneous	1.27
Clerk Feb. 76	15.00
Miscellaneous	7.20
Children's Home	35.00
Song Books	267.10
Janitor	120.00
Clerk	15.00
Children's Home	13.75
Total	\$ 795.08

#### ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

1. Folding Table	\$ 6.56
2. Smith-Corona Typewriter	\$225.00 105.48
3. Desk File Cabinet	20.57 9.90
4. Tape Recorder	45.00 20.88
5. Communion Set	15.08 9.90
6. 12 Washpans, 12 towels	16.85 11.07
7. Total cost & value	\$ 322.50 \$163.79

#### HOME MISSION TREASURER

On hand Aug. 1, 1975	\$ 810.45
Received	299.65
Total in treasury Aug. 1, 1976	\$1,110.10

#### MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons Conference met at the camp ground Friday night Aug. 13, 1976. Prayer by Rev. Clay Engle.

House called to order by clerk: Moderator being absent, the assistant moderator (Rev. J.T. Windsor) took charge, reading Psalms 27:1-4.

Opportunity for membership: Rev. Clarence O'Donnell, Rev. John Coldwell, Deacon Nolan T. Holland came forth and were received by proper move and second.

#### ROLL CALL

1. Barber, James, Talladega, Al.
2. Bishop, Clyde, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953, Ph. 594-4198
3. Carlisle, C.L. (L.T.C.) Pell City, Al. 35125



4. Caldwell, John, 736 Stone Ave., Talladega, Ala. 35160, Ph. 362-5549
5. Davis, Paul, 19th & N. 30th St., Pell City, Al. 35125
6. Edge, Mark, (L.T.C.) P.O. Box 82, Ragland, Al. Ph. 476-3663
7. Elders, Cleo, (L.T.C.) P. O. Box 85, Talladega, Al.
8. Engle, Clay, Box 178a, Rt. 1, Harpersville, Al. . Ph. Vincent 672-7736
9. Gearhart, Gary, Ragland, Al.
10. Golden, Bobby 1., Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala. 35125
11. Higginbotham, Allen, (L.T.C.) 1108 Leighton St., Anniston, Al.  
Ph. 338-9840
12. Holland, Nolan K., 1229 Mayflower, Gadsden, Al. 35901, Ph. 338-9840
13. Layton, Edward, Rt. 1, Box 1560, Ragland, Al.
14. Ledlow, Alfred, (L.T.C.) Cropwell, Al.
15. McMahan, Lester, 3028 9th Ave., N., Pell City, Al. 35125
16. O'Donnell, Chester, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953, Ph. 594-4248
17. O'Donnell, Clarence, Rt. 2, Box 576a Pell City, Al. 35125  
Ph. 338-3793
18. O'Donnell, H.A., Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953, Ph. 594-4248  
Ph. 594-4248 (L.T.C.)
19. Patterson, W. C. (L.T.C.) 3309 8th Ave., N., Pell City, Al.  
Ph. 338-7243
20. Smith, LeRoy (L.T.C.) Pell City, Al. 35125
21. Stewart, Frank, Rt. 1, Pell City, Al. 35125
22. Walker, Ernest, Rt. 3, Box 122, Leeds, Al.
23. Windsor, J.T., 504 29th St., N. Pell City, Al. 35125

#### DEACONS

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| 1. Max Mayo, Wattsville, Church     | 5. Nolan T. Holland,          |
| 2. Alfred O'Donnell, Pleasant Grove | Lootkout Mt.                  |
| 3. D. J. O'Donnell, Guiding Light   | 6. Frank Simpkins, Friendship |
| 4. J. U. Smith, Lookout Mt.         | 7. Teddie Cain, Friendship    |
|                                     | 8. Calvin Barber, Friendship  |
|                                     | 9. J. R. Wiggins, Friendship  |

Business : Moved , seconded and carried to recommend to the Association to grant Rev. Larry Johnson a letter of recommendation to Cahaba River Assoc.

Moved, seconded and carried the Moderator appoint the speaker for this service. The speaker being absent, Rev. Ernest Walker was appointed.

Speaker for the 1977 session; Rev. John Caldwell nominated and elected, Alternate speaker: Rev. Ed Layton, Rev. Clay Engle were nominated, closed on these two. Rev. Ed Layton elected.

Subject: Hell, where Hell is, Who Going There, "The Second Coming of Christ," Hell, Where hell is and who is going there, was chosen.

Election of Officers: Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis, Rev. N. K. Holland, were nominated, Rev. Paul Davis was elected. Moved, seconded and carried for Rev. N. K. Holland to be the assistant moderator.

Moved, seconded and carried to retain the present clerk. (Rev. Chester O'Donnell). Moved , seconded and carried to retain the assistant clerk (Frank Simpkins). Moved, seconded and carried to stay open Saturday.

Altar prayer led by Bro. Hardy Rich. Message by Rev. Ernest Walker. Scripture , Acts 8:20-21. Dismissed with altar prayer. Rev. Ernest Walker, Rev. Robert Sanders, and Rev. Gary Gearhart joined the conference in Nov. 1975.

#### CHURCH LETTERS

FRIENDSHIP: Pell City, Al., Pastor and address, Rev. Lester McMahan, 3028 9th Ave., N., Pell City, Al. 35125, Clerk name and address: Frank Simpkins, 600 N. 29th St., Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Hardy Rich, Louie Lee, Cicil Willes, Martha Patterson, Martin Patterson, STATISTICS: Church Membership 135. Members received: By profession of faith 9, by letter 1, Total members received 10, Sunday School enrollment 110. Average attendance 95, CTS enrollment 60, average attendance 50, midweek service average attendance 60, number of ordained ministers 3, number of ordained deacons 7, financial report, total received, \$42,187.53. Spent for local causes; pastor's salary and expenses \$12,400.00; evangelistic work \$400.00; building repair \$952.06, other, \$23,554.57. Total spent for local causes \$37,554.80. Spent for outside causes: Home mission \$50.00, education \$166.66, associational projects \$1,493.62, state and national projects \$100.00, orphanage \$385.00. Total spent for outside causes \$2,195.28, total expenditures \$41,598.11. Value of church property \$100,000.00. Value of parsonage property \$50,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees and minutes \$15.00, Janitor \$10.00. Total enclosed \$25.00.

GUIDING LIGHT: Route 1, Pell City, Al. Pastor and address: Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Al., clerk and address: Mrs. Lillian Callahan, Rt. 1, Box 65a, Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Rod Rich, Thomas Murray, Rethea Fisher, Margie Baggett, Sybil O'Donnell, STATISTICS: Church membership 80, Members received by profession of faith 2, by letter 1, by statement of faith 1. Total members received 4. Members dismissed by letter 1. Total members dismissed 1, Sunday School average attendance 40. Mid-week service average attendance 10, number of ordained ministers 6. Number of ordained deacons 8. Financial report: Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$800.00; evangelistic work \$75.00. Building and repair \$1,596.82. Literature \$72.90. Other \$893.95. Total spent for local causes \$3,438.57. Spent for outside causes: Orphanage \$220.00. Other \$60.00. Total spent for outside causes \$280.00 Value of church property \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00. Janitor \$10.00. Total enclosed \$20.00.

LOOKOUT MT. Rt. 13, Gadsden, Al. Pastor and address: Rev. Nolan K. Holland, 1229 Mayflower Drive, Gadsden, Al. 35901. Clerk and address: Ellen Holland, 306 N. 2nd St., E. Gadsden, Al. 35901. Delegates: Bro. Bill Dutton, Bro. Tommy Ragsdale, Alternate. STATISTICS: Church Membership Resident 23, non-resident 11, Total membership 34, Sunday School enrollment 23; average attendance 23. Mid-week service attendance 12-15. Num-



of ordained ministers 1, number of ordained deacons 2. Financial report: spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$550.25. Literature \$14.00, other \$72.03. Total spent for local causes \$636.28. Value of church property \$15,000.00 Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00. Janitor \$10.00. Total enclosed \$20.00.

PLEASANT GROVE: Route 1, Ashville, Al. 35953. Pastor and address: Rev. Chester O'Donnell. (Rev. Thomas Goodwin called fro 76-77) Clerk and address, Mrs. Nettie Ruth Wolfe, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953. Delegates: Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Dennie Cox, alternate, Sis. Nettie Wolfe. STATISTICS: Membership 38. Members received by letter 2, Total received 2. Members dismissed by letter 1, total dismissed 1, Sunday School enrollment 30, average attendance 28, number of ordained ministers 4. Number of licensed ministers 1: number of ordained deacons 2. Financial report: Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$480.00. Building and repair \$628.44. Total spent for local causes, \$1,108.44. Spent for outside causes, Home missions \$199.63, orphanage \$431.89, other \$40.00. Total spent for outside causes \$671.52. Total expenditures \$1,779.96. Value of church property \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$15.00. We request Bro. Bobby L. Golden license be renewed for one year.

FIRST RAGLAND: Pastor and address: None given. Clerk and address: Mrs. Connie Kay. Delegates: Miss Brenda Kay, Mrs. Connie Kay, Alt., Mrs. Joyce Kay, STATISTICS: Church membership 50. Members received by letter 1. Total received 1. Members dismissed. Deceased 1. (Bro. W.W. Hines) Total 1. Sunday School average attendance 30, Mid-week average attendance 12. Number of ordained ministers 2. Number of ordained deacons 2. Financial report: Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,020.00. Evangelistic work \$150.00. Building and repair \$778.42. Other \$128.00. Total spent for local causes \$2,976.42. Spent for outside causes: orphanage \$190.00. associational projects \$20.00, state and national projects \$100.00, other \$827.04. Total spent for outside causes \$1,137.04. Total expenditures \$4,113.46. Value of church property \$23,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00, janitor fee \$10.00. Total enclosed \$20.00.

FIRST TALLADEGA Pastor and address, Rev. Paul Davis, Pell City, Al. Clerk and address: Sis. Eunice Davis, Rt. 1, Box 249, Talladega, Al. 35160 Delegates: Bro. Jewel Dye, Bro. Frankie Tinney, Bro. Daniel Jones, Sis. Bonnie Jones, Sis. Irene Dye. STATISTICS: Church membership 99. Members received by profession of faith 13, by letter 1, total members received 14. Members dismissed by letter 2, deceased 2. (Bro. Marion Jones, Sis. Grace Waldrop.) Total members dismissed 2. Sunday School enrollment 91. Average attendance 71. Mid-week service average attendance 35. Number of ordained ministers 3. Number of licensed ministers 3. Number of ordained deacons 4. Financial report: Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$2,080.00 Evangelistic work \$325.00. Building and repair \$1,397.42. Literature \$360.00 Other \$590.00 other \$4,897.42. other \$480.00. Total spent for local causes \$10,129.84. Spent for outside causes Youth Camp \$740.00. Home mission \$40.00. Orphanage \$350.00, Associational projects \$55.00. State and national projects \$15.00 other \$20.00. Total spent for outside causes \$1,235.00. Total expenditures \$11,352.94. Value of church property \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees and minutes \$25.00, janitor \$10.00, home mission \$10.00. Total enclosed \$45.00.

FIRST WATTSVILLE: Pastor and address: Rev. Ernest Walker, Rt. 3, Box 122 Leeds, Al., clerk and address: Herman Dollar, 2001 3rd Ave., South, Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Richard Daffron, Sis. Helen Thomas, Bro. Charles Thomas, John Alverson, Sis. Faye Wilson, Alternate Bro. Herman Dollar, STATISTICS: Church membership 131. Members received by profession of faith 4, by letter 5, Total received 9. Members dismissed by letter 2. Total dismissed 2, mid-week service average attendance 50. Number of ordained ministers 5, number of ordained deacons 3, financial report. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$1,650.00. Evangelistic work \$670.12, building and repair, insurance and utilities \$4,028.39, other \$429.02. Total spent for local causes \$1,777.53. Spent for outside causes, home mission \$585.00, youth camp \$850.39. Fees to association \$133.75. Total spent for outside causes \$1,569.14. Total expenditures \$8,346.67. Amount enclosed for fees \$10.00. Minutes \$10.00, janitor \$10.00. Total enclosed \$30.00.

#### 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. 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.
5. Churches must use letter forms sent them each year by the clerk.
6. That this body elect a moderator and assistant moderator at the close of the annual session and he serve two (2) years, for both the Quarterly and Annual. The election coming on the odd year. Changed 1972 The clerk be elected at the close of the session. (Annual session) and he serve two (2) years. The election coming on the even year, and he take office the 1st quarterly session after the annual association. Passed 1972
7. That this body adopt a unified program.
8. 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)
9. That the Minister's and Deacon's Conference convene on Friday night instead of Friday evening as heretofore practiced.
10. 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 \$15.00 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 1974. The trustee of the children's home be paid fifteen (15) cents per mile. Changed 1975. Nov. Session.

11. That the Moderator appoint all standing committees; and any other committee he may need.

12. That there be no church organized without seven (7) charter members. Passed 1947.

13. 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.

14. Ordained ministers and deacons and licensed ministers are standing delegates. 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.

15. 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.

#### RULES FOR MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

1. That we elect a moderator and assistant moderator in August at the Ministers and Deacons Conference and he must have attended at least one ministers and deacons conference before being elected moderator or assistant moderator.

2. That there be a ministers and deacons meeting four times a year. Friday night, one week before the Quarterly meeting except at Association which would meet Friday night of the Association.

3. If he reports by letter he receive a certificate of standing and if unable to report due to sickness or car trouble he still will be issued a certificate of standing.

4. At the Ministers and Deacons Conference the moderator appoint a committee of 3 ordained men that they visit any minister or deacon that are in question to see if their conduct is still becoming to being a minister or deacon. Any minister or deacon not belonging to this minister and deacon conference will not be recognized as a minister or deacon of conference but will be recognized as a visiting minister or deacon and will not have a right to vote, but will be treated as a brother in Christ.

5. That each minister and deacon pay a \$1.00 fee at each meeting for the association treasury for expenses.

6. That any minister or deacon be a member of any church of the Liberty #2 Association be allowed to join the minister and deacons conference at any of the ministers and deacons meetings.

7. That this minister and deacons conference will not recognize a minister or deacon with two (2) living wives or ordain him. I. Tim. 3:2.

8. A minister in Liberty #2 Association is not to perform a marriage ceremony if a man or woman are divorced and has another living husband or wife.

#### \*\*\*\*\* 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. I Tim. 3:16.

2. GOD. There is one living and true God. Revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor, of the Universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. I. Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.

3. CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord. St. John 1:1-12.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men. St. John 16:7-8, Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:4-8.

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 condemnation. His posterity, therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:17, 3:19.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation 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. I John 2:2.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are:  
(1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.  
(2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose 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) Continuance in faith and obedience until death. II Cor. 7:10; Prov. 28:13.

9. ELECTION. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men became His elect. I. Tim. 2:4.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit 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; II Peter 2:20-22.



13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers. Mark 16:15, II Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. TITHING. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2a)

15. 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.

16. 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.

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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