

MINUTES

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

44TH SESSION
AUGUST 19, 20, 1977

MODERATOR -----REV. LESTER McMAHAN
ASSIST. MODERATOR -- REV. GARY GEARHART
CLERK TREASURER - REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL
ASSISTANT CLERK - DEACON FRANK SIMPKINS

45TH Session will be held at the
Camp Ground
3 miles north of Pell City, Alabama
Friday Night before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1978

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
April, 1978
4TH SUNDAY

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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION, NOVEMBER 20, 1976 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING
Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan. Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell.
House call to order by clerk. Moderator took charge reading Acts 5:33-39.
Prayer by moderator.

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.

Business Committee: Bro. A.N. Davis, Ernest Walker, Levi Bunn, Thomas Murray, Ed Layton.

Ordaining Council: Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Cleo Elders, Paul Davis, Deacon Olfred O'Donnell, Frank Simpkins.

Report of Business Committee: Read and received to take up item by item.

Item 1. We the business committee recommend that all churches send letter to clerk one month before session and he examine the letters. Passed.

Item 2. That we buy a P.A. system. Passed.

Item 3. Moderator take letters from clerk and appoint committee, and send program to churches. Passed.

Item 4. Bro. Thomas Goodwin from Talladega Church be called in question and if found worthy ordain him to preach the gospel. Passed. 2. Bro. Nolan T. Holland from Lookout Mt. Church be questioned for license. Passed. Offering for children's home. \$32.00. Altar prayer led by Bro. Sanders. Morning message: Rev. Allen Higginbotham, Scripture Matt. 24:1-13. Dismissed for lunch and blessing on food by Rev. Thomas Goodwin.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon message: by Rev. Nolan K. Holland. Report of Ordaining Council: read and accepted; and they proceeded with prayer and laying on of hands.

We your Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Nolan T. Holland and find him in harmony with the Bible and recommend he be licensed to preach for (1) one year. 2. Bro. Thomas Goodwin be ordained to preach the gospel. Charge given by Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Ordination prayer led by Rev. Paul Davis, Minutes read and adopted. Moved to adjourn till Feb. session. Dismissed by Rev. Robert Roberson.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION: FEB. 20, 1977 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING

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

House called to order by clerk. Moderator took charge, reading Psalms 139. Prayer by Rev. Thomas Chapman. Clerk made report: 7 churches reported and letters in order. The report received and delegates seated.

Business Committee: Rev. Robert Roberson, Thomas Goodwin, Thomas Chapman, Allen Higginbotham, Deacon Max Mayo. Report of Business Committee read and accepted to take up item by item.

Item 1. Bro. Robert Earl Sanders and John Caldwell be called in question by ordaining council and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel. Passed. Item 2. The Moderator appoint a committee of three to see who is owner and responsible for bonds of Fellowship Church. Passed. Committee: Frank Simpkin, Paul Davis, Herman O'Donnell. Prayer by Martin Patterson.

Report of Ordaining Council: Read and received and the council went ahead with the charge, prayer, and laying on of hands. We have examined Bro. John Caldwell, and Bro. Robert Earl Sanders and find them to be worthy to be ordained. Charge and morning message by Rev. Robert Roberson. II Tim. 4:1. Ordaining prayer by Rev. Thomas Chapman. They were given the right hand of Fellowship offering to children's home, \$21.30. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Thomas Chapman. The Ladies served a good lunch and it was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON: Scripture, St. John 14:1-6. Prayer by Rev. Robert Earl Sanders. Afternoon message: Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Scripture St. John 11:21, 32. (Lord if thou hast been here my brother had not died.) Minutes read and received by proper move and second. Moved to stand adjourned till May term. Dismissed by Rev. Tim Holland.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION, MAY 14, 1977 - 7 CHURCHES REPORTING
Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan. Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

House called to order by clerk. Moderator took charge reading 121st Psa. Prayer by Rev. Clay Engle. Clerks reported on the letters: moved, seconded and carried to receive. Received 7 letters and find them in order, and recommend the delegates be seated.

Business Committee: Rev. Paul Davis, Bo Willis, Alfred O'Donnell, Nolan Holland, Ernest Walker. Report of Business Committee read and received to take up item by item.

Item 1. We recommend that community church of Haperville, be received into our body. Passed. Short recess. Scripture Heb. 7:8. Prayer, Altar prayer led by Rev. Thomas Chapman. Morning message: Rev. Herman O'Donnell, "Our Enemies" Falling Away", Famine I Peter 5:4-9, Dismissed for lunch. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON - Prayer by Bro. Herman Dollar, Business Committee: Item 2. That each church discuss and try to support the retirement and insurance program. Passed. Item 3. That the clerk pay for supplies the janitor needs. Passed. Minutes read and adopted with proper amendment. Motion to stand adjourned till August session.. Offering to children's home \$17.47. Afternoon message: Rev. Ernest Walker, Scripture Matt. 28:16-20, Mark 6:12. (Go Ye) "Preach that men should repent" Dismissed by Bro. A. C. Northcutt.

FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION - 44th ANNUAL SESSION OF LIBERTY #2
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST - AUGUST 19, 20, 1977
CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. Lester McMahan. Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell. Friday Night: House call to order by clerk. Moderator took charge. Clerk made a report of the church letters, they were in order, and recommend the letters be received and delegates seated. Moved, seconded and carried.

The Moderator appointed the Business and Auditing Committee: Deacon Alfred O'Donnell, Rev. N. K. Holland, Rev. Robert Roberson, Deacon Calvin Barber, Deacon J. R. Wiggins, Dismissed by Rev. Thomas Chapman
SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1977 - Rev. Lester McMahan in charge, reading Phil 4:8-14. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Patterson.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

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| 1. <u>Business and Auditing</u>
Deacon Alfred O'Donnell
Deacon Calvin Barber
Deacon J. R. Wiggins
Rev. N. K. Holland
Rev. Robert Roberson | 2. <u>Deceased</u>
Sis. Retha Fisher
Sis. Emma Bunn
Sis. Irene Dye |
| 3. <u>Literature and Sunday School</u>
Sis. Roxie Golden
Sis. Ase Mae Smith
Sis. Angie Allred | 4. <u>Executive</u>
Rev. Cleo Elders 1978
Bro. Hardy Rich 1979
Rev. Alfred Ledlow 1980 |
| 5. <u>Education and Family Religion</u>
Bro. J. U. Smith
Bro. Thomas Murray
Bro. William Dutton | 6. <u>Temperance and Resolution</u>
Sis. Lesia Allred
Sis. Fannie Bell Jones
Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell |
| 7. <u>Home Missions</u>
Rev. James Barber 1978
Rev. Clay Engle 1979
Rev. Chester O'Donnell 1980
Bro. Martin Patterson 1981
Rev. Paul Davis 1982 | 8. <u>Organizing Council</u>
Rev. James Barber 1978
Rev. Alfred Ledlow 1979
Rev. Lester McMahan 1980
Rev. Paul Davis 1981
Rev. W. C. Patterson 1982 |
| 10. <u>Ministerial Standing</u>
Bro. A. C. Jones
Bro. Rickey Patterson
Rev. Herman O'Donnell | 9. <u>Ordaining Council</u>
Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Chrm.
Rev. W. C. Patterson
Rev. Thomas Chapman
Rev. Paul Davis
Deacon Bobby Kay |

A Short Recess.

Committee Reporting: Business and Auditing: Read and received to take up item by item. Item 1. Passed. Item 2. Passed. Item 3. Passed. Item 4. Passed. Item 5. Passed. Deceased: Read and received. Temperance and Resolution: Read and received. Ministerial Standing: Read and received. Literature and Sunday School: Read and received. Education and Family Religion: Read and received. Election of officers for the next 2 years. Moved and seconded and carried to go into election of a moderator and assistant moderator for the next 2 years. Rev. Paul Davis and Rev. Alfred Ledlow were nominated. Moved, seconded and carried to close on these two. Rev. Paul Davis elected. Moderator. Assistant Moderator: Rev. Alfred Ledlow nominated and elected. The moderator appointed Deacon Alfred O'Donnell and Deacon Calvin Barber to take care of the communion and footwashing service. Offering for the children's home. \$17.81. Morning message: Rev. Samford Davis "Missionary to Temple, Texas" Scripture Matt. 5:14-16, "Let your Light Shine" Prayer by speaker. Dismissed for lunch by Ricky Patterson. We thank the ladies for the good lunch. It was enjoyed by all.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Treasurer's report given and accepted. Home Mission: Treasurer report given and accepted. A special song by the Allred Family. A solo by Sis. Lilia Mae Bishop. Afternoon message: Rev. Clyde Bishop. Scripture Romans 8:1-8. Report of the Ordaining Council read and accepted, and they proceeded with the charge, prayer and laying on of hands. Charge given by Rev. Alfred Ledlow. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Patterson. Moved, seconded and carried to accept minutes as read. Rev. Lester McMahan took charge of the Communion and feetwashing service. 29 took part in the communion and many in the feet washing. 4. Executive: No report. 7. Home Mission Board: No report. 8. Organizing Council: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk: I have examined the letters from: Friendship, Wattsville, Guiding Light, Talladega, Ragland, Pleasant Grove, Lookout Mt. Community churches and find them in order and recommend the delegates be seated. 8 Churches.

1. Business and Auditing: We the Business and Auditing Committee recommend the following items. Item 1. We exchange deacons papers with Bro. Johnny Woods and Bro. A. C. Northcutt. Item 2. Bro. Bobby Golden be turned over to the Ordaining Council and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel. Item 3. Bro. Nolan Tim. Holland be turned over to the Ordaining Council and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel. Item 4. The old song books be given to Bro. Louie Lee for new church work. Item 5. That \$100.00 be given Bro. Sanford Davis, work at Temple, Tex. from the general treasury.

2. Deceased: We the Deceased Committee regret to report that these have departed from our midst since we last met. From Guiding Light: Sis. Emily Foster, Sis. Ethel Tucker, Sis. Ella Ramsey, Sis. Sybil O'Donnell, Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Bro. Rodger Wiggin. Friendship: Bro. John Stewart, Bro. Rugus Glass, Bro. Gordon Gentry, Bro. Sam Kimberely, Bro. Ben Howard, Sis. Effie Endfinger. First F.W.B., Talladega, Little Smith.

3. 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 basis for teaching in our homes and Sunday School. We recommend that each church encourage its members, young and old, to use the new facilities at the camp ground by having cook outs, different recreational games and special worship services.

We recommend the use of Christian games and activities in the youth classes to promote interest in learning and to encourage attendance. We recommend the use of a youth visitation night where the young people of the church take part in visiting other young people of the community and encouraging their attendance at church.

4. Executive: No report.

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

6. 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 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 the Free Will Baptists.

7. Home Mission Board: No report

8. Organizing Council: No report.

9. Ordaining Council: We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Bobby Golden from Pleasant Grove Church and Bro. Nolan Timothy Holland from Lookout Mt. Church and find them sound in the Bible and doctrine. We recommend they be ordained to preach the gospel.

10. 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.

HOME MISSION TREASURY

On hand August 1, 1976		\$1,110.16
Received		
Wattsville Church	\$ 60.00	
Talladega Church	40.00	
Pleasant Grove Church	277.87	
Total received	377.87	
Grand Total August 1, 1977		1,488.03
In Bank		1,488.03

ASSOCIATION TREASURY

On Hand August 1, 1977						\$ 474.59
Received	Song Books	\$Entrance Fee	\$Minutes	\$Janitor	\$ Total	
Friendship	70.00	40.00	5.00	40.00	155.00	
Guiding Light		40.00		40.00	80.00	
Lookout Mt.		40.00		40.00	80.00	
Pleasant Grove		40.00	5.00	20.00	65.00	
Ragland		40.00		40.00	80.00	
Talladega		40.00	15.00	40.00	95.00	
Wattsville		40.00	10.00	40.00	90.00	
Community		10.00			10.00	
Ministers		26.00			26.00	
Deacons		10.00			10.00	
Children's Home Offering						
100.77						
Total						
Received 100.77	70.00	326.00	35.00	260.00	791.77	\$ 791.77
On hand in Janitor Fund August 1, 1977						30.00
Grand Total						\$1296.36

Spent:

Janitor - Louie Lee -----	\$ 280.00	
Children's Home -----	100.77	
Minutes: Gadsden Letter Shop -----	113.62	
White Auto - Lawnmower -----	133.44	
Song Books - Church of God -----	74.25	
Moderator: Lester McMahan -----	10.00	
Clerk: Chester O'Donnell -----	71.20	
State Association Entrance Fee -----	35.00	
Letters Forms -----	3.00	
Stamps and Postage -----	8.08	
Total Spent -----	\$829.36	\$ 829.36
Balance in Treasury August 1, 1977 -----		467.00
In General Fund: \$457.00 - Janitor Fund: \$10.00		
\$20.00 that was in Janitor Fund was from Pleasant Grove Church		
In Bank: \$462.71 - In Cash: \$4.29 - Total \$467.00		

ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

1. Folding Table	\$	\$ 6.00
2. Smith-Corona Typewriter	225.00	94.94
3. Desk File Cabinet	20.57	8.81
4. Tape Recorder	45.00	18.80
5. Communion Set	15.00	8.81
6. 12 Washpans, 12 Towels	16.85	9.97
7. Total Cost and Value	\$ 322.50	\$ 147.33

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Ministers and Deacons Conference met at the camp ground August 19, 20, 1977.

House called to order by clerk, Chester O'Donnell, Paul Davis asked Bro. McMahan to take charge. Bro. McMahan read Matt: 28:18-20, prayer by Bro. McMahan. Bro. McMahan introduced Bro. Sanford Davis, missionary to Temple, Texas., who spoke a few words. An offering of \$40.00 was received for Bro. Davis. Moderator: Paul Davis read Isa. 6:8. Mod. Message. Opportunity for membership. Thomas Goodwin, Bobby Kay, Larry Morgan presented themselves and were received into our body. Move seconded and carried the session stay open Saturday. Move, seconded, carried to elect officers. Moderator: Rev. Clay Engle, and Rev. Paul Davis were nominated. Moved and seconded to close on these two. Carried. Paul Davis was elected. Assistant Moderator: Rev. Clay Engle and Rev. Nolan Tim Holland were nominated. Moved, seconded and carried to close on these two. Rev. Tim Holland was elected. Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell nominated and elected. Assistant Clerk: Bro. Frank Simpkin nominated and elected. Rev. Robert Roberson was nominated and elected speaker for the term in 1978. Alternate speaker: Thomas Goodwin was nominated and elected. Passed that speaker choose his own subject. The speaker for the night, Rev. John Caldwell, Scripture, Rev. 20:15. Subject, Hell, Where Hell Is And Who Is Going There.

Saturday Morning: Bro. Johnny Woods and A.C. Northcutt joined. Three joined at the Feb. Session. Deacon Houston Ransey, Deacon W. G. Haynes, Rev. Robert Roberson, Rev. Thomas Chapman. Minutes read and accepted. Moved to adjourn.

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. Chapman, Thomas, 400 29th St., N. Pell City, Al. 35125. Ph. 338-9629
5. Caldwell, John, 736 Stone Ave., Talladega, Ala. 35160. Ph. 362-5549
6. Davis, Paul, 19th N., 30th St., Pell City, Al. 35125
7. Edge, Mark, (L.T.C.) P.O. Box 82, Ragland, Al. 35131, Ph. 476-3663
8. Elders, Cleo (L.T.C.) P.O. Box 85, Talladega, Al. 35160
9. Engle, Clay, Box 178a, Rt. 1, Harpersville, Al. Ph. 672-7736 Vincent
10. Gearhart, Gary, Ragland, Al. 35131
11. Golden, Bobby, Rt. 2, Box 471 g, Pell City, Al. 35125 Ph. 338-2713
12. Goodwin, Thomas, Talladega, Al. Ph. 362-6298
13. Higginbotham, Allen (L.T.C.) 1108 Leighton St., Anniston, A.
14. Holland, Nolan K., 1229 Mayflower, Gadsden, Al. 35901 Ph. 547-4063

15. Holland, Nolan Tim., Gadsden, Al.
16. Layton, Edward, (L.T.C.) Rt. 1, Box 1560, Ragland, Al. 35131
17. Ledlow, Alfred (L.T.C.) Cropwell, Al.
18. McMahan, Lester, 3028 9th Ave., N., Pell City, Al. 35125
19. Morgan, Larry
20. O'Donnell, Chester, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953, Ph. 594-4248
21. O'Donnell, Clarence (L.T.C.) Rt. 2, Box 576a, Pell City, Al. 35125
Ph. 338-3793
22. O'Donnell, Herman (L.T.C.) Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953 Ph. 594-4248
23. Patterson, W.C. (L.T.C.) 3309 8th Ave., N. Pell City, Al. 35125
Ph. 338-7243
24. Roberson, Robert, 413 Poole St., Leeds, Al. Ph. 699-6907
25. Smith, LeRoy (L.T.C.) Pell City, Al. 35125
26. Walker, Ernest, Rt. 3, Box 122, Leeds, Al.
27. Windsor, J.T., 504 29th St., N. Pell City, Al. 35125
28. Simpkin, Ollie D., Pell City, Al. 35125

DEACONS

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| 1. Alfred O'Donnell, Pleasant Grove | 7. Teddy Cain, Friendship |
| 2. J. U. Smith, Lookout Mt. | 8. Calvin Barber, Friendship |
| 3. Bobby Kay, Ragland | 9. Frank Simpkin, Friendship |
| 4. Bobby Dollar, Wattsville | 10. J. R. Wiggins, Friendship |
| 5. L. D. Jones, Talladega | 11. W. G. Haynes, Friendship |
| 6. A. C. Jones, Talladega | 12. Johnny Woods, Community |
| | 13. A. C. Northcutt, Community |

CHURCH LETTERS

COMMUNITY: Rt. 1, Box 269, Harpersville, Al. 35078, Clerk and address, Jean Allred, P.O. Box 263, Harpersville, Al. 35078. Delegates: Ada Mae Smith, Leslie Allred, Angie Allred, Mary Robinson, Meria Smith, Church Membership, Resident 34, Non-Resident 4, Total membership 38. Members received: by profession of faith 12. Total members received 12, Sunday School enrollment 38. Average attendance 30, number of licensed ministers 1, number of ordained deacons 2, financial report: Pastor's salary \$919.53, building and repair \$1,442.35, Literature \$122.52, other \$1,065.18. Total spent for local causes \$3,549.58. Spent for outside causes: Orphanage \$74.97. Total spent for outside causes \$74.97. Total expenditures \$3,624.55. Value of church property \$20,000. Amount enclosed for fees \$20.00

FRIENDSHIP: 3030 Comer Ave., Pell City, Al. Pastor and address: Rev. Lester McMahan, 3028 9th Ave., No. Pell City, Al. 35125, Clerk name and address, Frank Simpkins, 600 N. 29th St., Pell City, Al. 35135. List of delegates: Ricky Patterson, Dale Ramsey, Emma Bunn, Sussie Pardue, A.D. Wright, Honorary delegate Terry Ramsey. Statistics: Church Membership 140; members received by profession of faith 12, by letter 4, Total received 16. Members dismissed excluded 2, deceased 6, Total members dismissed 8. Sunday School enrollment 120. Average attendance 112. CTS enrollment 65. Average attendance 50. Mid-week service average attendance 55. Number of ordained ministers 3, number of ordained deacons 7. Financial report: Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$13,350. Evangelistic work \$500. Literature \$634.63. Other \$8,000. Insurance \$888.20. Total spent for local causes \$23,372.83. Spent for outside causes: Home mission \$70.00, education \$206.07, Orphanage \$480.00. Other

\$100.00. Total spent for outside causes \$856.97. Total expenditures \$24,229.80. Value of church property \$125,000. Value of parsonage property \$75,000. Amount enclosed for fees, \$25.00.

GUIDING LIGHT: Rt. 1, Pell City, Al. 35125. Pastor and address: Rev. W.C. Patterson, 3309 8th Ave., N., Pell City, Al. 35125, Clerk and address: Lillian Callahan, Rt. 1, Box 65a, Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Sis. Retha Fisher, Sis. Eltora Murray, Sis. Alice Ramsey, Sis. Joyce Mitchell, Bro. Thomas Murray, Statistics: Church membership 90, members received by profession of faith 1, by statement of faith 1, Total members received 2. Members dismissed by letter 3, deceased 7, Total members dismissed 10. Number of ordained ministers 4, number of ordained deacons 6, Sunday School average attendance 40, mid-week service average attendance 10. Financial report: Pastor's salary \$900.00. Evangelistic work \$75.00 Building and repair \$408.67. Literature \$60.73.

Other \$1,234.79, insurance on church \$159.00, Total spent for local causes \$2,838.19. Spent for outside causes: Orphanage \$120.00 associational projects (Janitor) \$40.00. Total spent for outside causes: \$160.00. Total expenditures: \$2,998.19. Value of church property \$20,000. Amount enclosed for fees \$30.00.

LOOKOUT MT. Gadsden, Al. Pastor and address: Rev. Nolan K. Holland, 1229 Mayflower Ave., N., Gadsden, Al. 35901, Clerk and address, Ellen Holland, 306 No. 2nd St., E. Gadsden, Al., Delegates: William Estes, Barney Chaney, William Dutton (Alternate) Statistics Church Membership resident 27, Non-resident, 15; Total membership 42, Sunday School enrollment 25, average attendance 25, mid-week service average attendance 17, number of ordained ministers, 1, number of licensed ministers 1, number of ordained deacons 1, financial report spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$200.00. Building and repair \$138.66, literature \$113.66, other \$46.00, total spent for local causes \$498.32, spent for outside causes: Orphanage \$20.00 Total spent for outside causes \$20.00. Total expenditures \$518.32. Value of church property \$25,000. Amount enclosed for fees \$20.00. We ask that Bro. Nolan Tim Holland be called in question and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel.

PLEASANT GROVE : Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953. Pastor and address: Rev. Thomas Goodwin, Talladega, Al., Clerk and address: Mrs. Nettie Ruth Wolfe, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953. Delegates: Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Lila Mae Bishop, Alternate Roddy Wolfe. Statistics: Church membership 35. 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 \$1,040.00, evangelistic work \$185.00. Building and repair \$2,158.90. Literature \$132.00. Other \$40.00.

Total spent for local causes \$3,555.90, spent for outside causes: home missions \$310.73, orphanage \$310.73, superannuation \$36.76, associational projects \$330.73. Total spent for outside causes \$988.95. Total expenditures \$4,544.85. Value of church property \$15,000. Amount enclosed for fees \$25.00. We request that Bro. Bobby Golden be called in question and if found worthy he be ordained to preach the gospel.

RAGLAND: Rt. 2, Ragland, Al. Pastor and address: Rev. Robert Roberson, 413 Poose St., Leeds, Al. 35094. Clerk and address: Rev. Mrs. Joyce Kay, Rt. 2, Box 14, Ragland, Al. 35131. Delegates: Mrs. Connie Kay, Mrs. Joyce Kay, Alt. Mrs. Bonnie Gearhart, Statistics: Church membership 53, members received by profession of faith 2, by letter 3. Total members received 5. Members dismissed by letter 2, Total members dismissed 2. Sunday School enrollment 35, average attendance 32, mid-week service average attendance 12, number of ordained ministers 3, number of ordained deacons 3, financial report: spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,840.00, Evangelistic work, \$150.00, building and repair \$2,153.97, Literature \$193.26. Other, \$1,622.40. Total spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,840.00, evangelistic work \$150.00, building and repair \$2,153.97, literature, \$193.26. Other \$1,622.40. Total spent for local causes \$5,959.63. spent for outside causes: Orphanage \$240.00 Superannuation \$307.00, associational projects \$812.43, Total spent for outside causes \$1,359.43. Total expenditures \$7,319.06. Value of church property \$23,000. Amount enclosed for fees \$35.00.

FIRST TALLADEGA: Pastor and address: Rev. Paul Davis, 19th N. 30th St., Pell City, Al. 35125. Clerk and address: Mrs. Eunice Davis, Rt. 1 Box 249, Talladega, Al. 35160. Delegates: Bro. Jowel Dye, Sis. Bertha Heath, Sis. Fannie Bell Jones, Alternate, Sis. Irence Dye. Statistics Church membership 89, Members dismissed excluded 5, Total members dismissed 5. Sunday School enrollment 65. Average attendance 45. Woman's Auxiliary average attendance 42. Mid week service average attendance 30, number of ordained ministers 6, number of ordained deacons 3, financial report: spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$2,795.00. Evangelistic work \$150.00 Building and repair \$1,850.41, literature \$305.02, other \$163.00. Other \$1,941.18, Assistant pastor, \$520.00. Total spent for local causes \$7,724.81. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions \$155.19, home missions \$40.00, education \$263.00, orphanage, \$1,077.36, associational project \$366.65. Total spent for outside causes \$1,901.55. Total expenditures \$9,626.78. Value of church property \$30,000. Amount enclosed for fees \$30.00.

FIRST WATTSVILLE: Pastor and address: Rev. Ernest Walker, Rt. 4, Box 122, Leeds, Al. 35094, clerk and address, Herman Dollar, 2001 3rd Ave., So., Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Gregory Mayo, Charles Thomas, Herman Dollar, Richard Daffron, John Alverson, Imajean Walker, Alternate. Statistics: Church embership, 111, Members received by profession of faith 1, total members received 1, members dismissed by letter 1. Total members dismissed 1. Sunday School enrollment 88, average attendance 77, mid-week service average attendance 35, number of ordained ministers 4, number of ordained deacons 3. Financial report spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,950.00. Evangelistic work \$340.00, building and repair \$275.20. Literature \$91.34. Other \$1,841.16. Total spent for local causes \$4,497.70. Spent for outside causes: Home missions \$500.00, associational projects \$652.92. Total spent for outside causes \$1,152.92. Total expenditures \$5,650.62. Value of church property \$30,000. Amount enclosed for fees \$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 session of 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. 1. 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. 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 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. 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) Continuance 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 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 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, 11 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." 1 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.

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