

MINUTES

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

45TH SESSION
AUGUST 18, 19, 1978

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46th Session, Friday night and Saturday
before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1979.
Place to be announced

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Moderator: Rev. J.T. Windsor,
504 29th St., N., Pell City, Al. 35125
Assist. Moderator: Rev. Clay Engle, Box 178a, Rt. 1
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Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell
Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953
Assist. Clerk: Bro. J. R. Wiggins
Pell City, Al. 35125

BOARDS:

EXECUTIVE: Mr. Hardy Rich, Chrm., Pell City, Al. 35125
Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Cropwell, Al.
Rev. Barney Chaney, Gadsden, Al.

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Bro. Martin Patterson, 611 28th N.,
Pell City, Al. 35125
Rev. Paul Davis, 19th N. 30th St.,
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Rev. Chester L. Finch, Rt. 1, Box 89
Pell City, Al. 35125

ORGANIZING COUNCIL:

Rev. Alfred Ledlow. Cropwell, Al.
Rev. G. H. Latta, Leeds, Al.
Rev. Paul Davis, Pell City, Al.
Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Al.
Rev. Tim Holland, Gadsden, Al.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION: Beginning at 2:00 P.M.
Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April at
Camp Ground.
President: Mr. Richard Daffron
Vice President: Rev. Chester O'Donnell
Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953
Sect.-Treasurer: Mrs. Roxie Golden
Rt. 2, Box 471g, Pell City, Al. 35125
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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION NOVEMBER 19, 1977 - 8 CHURCHES REPORTING. Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis; Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

The First Quarterly Session of the 45th Annual Session met at the campground November 19th, 1977.

House called to order by clerk. Moderator took charge reading Heb. 13:1-3. Prayer by Rev. Lester McMahan.

Report of clerk on churches reporting: 8 churches reported, Pleasant Grove, Lookout Mt., Ragland, Guiding Light, Wattsville, Friendship, Talladega Community. They were in order. I recommend the letters be received and delegates be seated, MSC.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. Thomas Chapman chrm., Deacon Max Mayo, Deacon A.C. Jones, Deacon J. U. Smith, Bro. Henry Barber.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Lester McMahan, Chrm., Rev. Robert Sanders, Rev. W. C. Patterson, Rev. Thomas Chapman, Red. Ed. Layton.

Report of business committee: Read and accepted to take up item by item. We your business committee recommend:

Item 1. Bro. Ricky Patterson be called in question and if found worthy license him to preach for one year, MSC. Item 2. Rev. Larry Morgan be examined and if found worthy ordain him to preach the Gospel, MSC. Item 3. Br. Daniel Jones be-examined for deacon and if found worthy he be ordained a deacon for Talladega Church, MSC.

Report of Ordaining Council, read and received. We the Ordaining Council have examined: 1. Rev. Larry Morgan and recommend he be ordained to preach the Gospel. 2. Bro. Ricky Patterson be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. 3. Bro. Daniel Jones be ordained a deacon for Talladega church.

The Council proceeded with charge, prayer and laying on of hands to those being ordained. Charge given by Rev. Lester McMahan, Scripture Rom. 10:13. Ordaining prayer for Bro. Larry Morgan by Rev. W. C. Patterson. For Bro. Daniel Jones, Rev. Ed Layton. Morning message: Rev. Thomas Chapman, Scripture Ex. 32:1, 8, "Back Sliding". Prov. 14:14; Rev. 2:1-5; Matt. 24:12, Luke 9:62. Offering for Children's Home \$53.32. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Alfred O'Donnell. Dinner was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture Psalm 133, prayer by Rev. Cleo Elders. Minutes read and accepted as read. Moved to adjourn.

Afternoon message: Rev. Paul Davis gave way and asked Bro. Ricky Patterson to preach at this hour. Ricky Patterson read Psalm 37:5 "He shall bring it to pass." Dismissed by Rev. Robert Sanders.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION, FEBRUARY 18, 1978 - 8 CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis, Clerk, Rev. Chester O'Donnell.

2nd Quarterly Session met at the camp ground Feb. 18, 1978. House called

to order by clerk: Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis took charge reading St. Matt. 28:16-20. Altar prayer led by Rev. Lester McMahan.

Clerk gave report of church letters: MSC to receive. I have received letter from: Lookout Mt., Pleasant Grove, Ragland, Wattsville, Guiding Light, Friendship, Talladega, Community. 8 churches. I recommend the letters be accepted and the delegates seated, the letters were in order.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. Robert Sanders, Bro. Robert Burnham, Deacon Max Mayo, Deacon J.U. Smith, Deacon Alfred O'Donnell.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Clay Engle, Rev. Robert Roberson, Rev. N. Tim Holland, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Lester McMahan.

Business Committee report: MSC to receive report and take up Item by Item. We your business committ recommend the following items.

Item 1. That Bro. Jerome Wyatt and Ulas Hazelwood from Friendship Church be called in question for deacons, MSC. Item 2. That each pastor ask and encourage his church to give \$5.00 per week to home mission and it be earmarked for the Fellowship mission. Money be sent to treasurer, Chester O'Donnell, Route one, Box 204, Ashville, Al. 35953 MSVS MSC. Item 3. That we give \$180.00 from association treasury to home missions, MSC. Item 4. That we have a devotional committee to select our speakers for morning and evening services, MSC. Item 5. That we do something about our heat so that our building will be warm when we meet. MSC.

Offering to Children's Home \$20.00. Morning message by Rev. Clay Engle. Scripture James 1st Chapter. "God's Looking Glass."

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. William Dutton. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture 133rd Psa. Prayer by Rev. Robert Sanders.

Ordaining council report given and accepted. We the ordaining council have examined Bro. Jerome Wyatt and Bro. Ulas Hazelwood and recommend they be ordained as deacons for Friendship Church. The council proceeded with prayer and laying on of hands. Charge given by Rev. Lester McMahan, Acts 6. Prayer led by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

MSC that the moderator appoint committee to see about heat or heaters for camp building. The committee: Rev. Gary Gearhart, Bro. Ulas Hazelwood, and Bro. Greg Mayo. Minutes read and accepted. Moved that the business part of this session stand adjourned till May term. Afternoon message: Rev. Gary Gearhart, Scripture Matt.: 28:18, "Power of God". Prayer by speaker.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION: MAY 20, 1978 - 8 CHURCHES REPORTING

Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis - Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

The third quarterly session met at the camp ground on May 20, 1978. House

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.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1978

Prayer by Rev. Clay Engle, Scripture by Moderator Rev. Paul Davis, I Tim. 5:1-13, prayer by Rev. Chester L. Finch.

Report on church letters by clerk: MSC to receive. I have received letters from Lookout Mt., Pleasant Grove, Ragland, Guiding Light, Wattsville, Friendship, Talladega, and find them in order, I recommend they be received and the delegates seated. I have not received Community letter. (7 churches)

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

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| 1. <u>Devotional</u>
Sis. Brenda Kay
Sis. Retha Fisher
Sis. Essie Dollar | 2. <u>Business and Auditing</u>
Rev. Clay Engle
Rev. C. L. Carlisle
Rev. Arthur Renfroe
Rev. G. H. Latta
Deacon J. U. Smith |
| 3. <u>Deceased</u>
Sis. Lydia Smith
Bro. Thomas Murry
Sis. Bonnie Gearhart | 4. <u>Executive</u>
Bro. Hardy Rich 1979
Rev. Alfred Ledlow 1980
Rev. Barney Chaney 1981 |
| 5. <u>Literature and Sunday School</u>
Bro. Herman Dollar
Bro. Hardy Rich
Rev. Gary Gearhart | 6. <u>Education and Family Religion</u>
Bro. Louie Lee
Bro. William Estes
Bro. Howard Endfinger |
| 7. <u>Temperance and Resolution</u>
Sis. Martha Patterson
Deacon J. U. Smith
Rev. Larry Morgan
1 | 8. <u>Home Missions</u>
Rev. Clay Engle, Chm. 1979
Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Treas. 1980
Bro. Martin Patterson 1981
Rev. Paul Davis 1982
Rev. Chester L. Finch 1983 |
| 9. <u>Organizing Council</u>
Rev. Alfred Ledlow 1979
Rev. G. H. Latta 1980
Rev. Paul Davis 1981
Rev. W. C. Patterson 1982
Rev. Tim Holland 1983 | 10. <u>Ordaining Council</u>
Rev. J. T. Windsor
Rev. H. A. O'Donnell
Rev. Barney Chaney
Rev. Robert Roberson
Rev. Larry Morgan |
| 11. <u>Ministerial Standing</u>
Rev. C. L. Carlisle
Rev. G. H. Latta
Rev. Gary Gearhart | |

A short recess. Committees and their reports:

Business and Auditing: We the Business and Auditing Committee recommend the following items. MSC to receive and take up item by item.

Item 1. That this body appoint a committee to meet with the community church of Harperville, Al., as to their standing with this association as to their present pastor and his credentials. That other association be notified by letter from this association of this action. MSC. Item 2. That all ministers make out yearly reports to the Annual Assoc. as to their work done. Time preached, money received, conversion, and any able preacher who does not preach 12 times does not receive a certificate of good standing. MSC. Item 3. We have examined the clerk's books, Association and Home Missions and find them in order. MSC to receive. Item 4. That the annual association and quarterly association be held at the churches: MSC. Ragland asked for and received the Nov. Session.

Devotional Committee: MSC to receive. We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Arthur Renfroe for the morning message, and Rev. G. H. Latta for the Communion and feetwashing message this afternoon.

Deceased: MSC to receive. We the Deceased Committee regret to inform you of the passing of the following people from our midst. First Free Will Baptist Church, Talladega. 1. Mrs. Narcissus Jones, 2. Sis. Teresa Hollis.

Friendship Church, Pell City, 1. Bro. Flossie Gallups; 2. Bro. Joe Spradley; Regland, Sis. Joan Kay; Wattsville, Bro. Raymond Shockley; Rev. Edward Layton; Guiding Light; Sis. Hattie Hamilton; Pleasant Grove; Sis. Ruby Cox.

Literature and Sunday School: MSC to receive. We recommend continuing use of King James Version Bible based literature for our Sunday School.

Executive: No report.

Education and Family Religion: MSC to receive. We need to get more education about God and His word. One way is to pray as we read and study His written word. Family religion is reading, studying and praying together.

Temperance and Resolution: MSC to receive. We the Temperance and Resolution Committee recommend that we practice temperance in the home, church, school, work and all our daily activity, as the Bible teaches, practicing family devotion and family altar in the home. We resolve that greater effort be made in the home and church to teach sound doctrine according to that laid down in the Bible.

Home Missions: MSC to receive Feb. 18, 1978 the Home Missions Board met at the camp ground with 4 members present: Clay Engle, Chester O'Donnell, Martin Patterson, Paul Davis. Moved by Clay Engle, seconded by Martin Patterson to pay Paul Davis \$60.00 per month for Fellowship Mission work. Moved by Clay Engle, second by Martin Patterson for Paul Davis to be Sect. of Home Mission Board. Paul Davis acted as Mod. Chester O'Donnell acted as sect.

AUGUST 19, 1978. Home Mission Board met at camp ground. That we keep the fellowship mission work going for the next year, and the churches continue to support the work, and those churches not supporting, we recommend, it be put before them the first opportunity urging them to do so.

Organizing Council: No report.

Ordaining Council: We have examined Rev. Arthur Renfroe, Howard Latta, and Chester L. Finch, and find them in good standing. We recommend them to the ministers and e deacons conference. MSC to receive.

Ministerial Standing:

Treasurer Report: Associational: MSC to accept as read.

Received	Fees	Minutes	Janitor	C.Home	Miss.	Total
Friendship	\$40.00	\$15.00	0	0	0	\$55.00
Guid. Lt.	40.00	10.00	0	0	0	90.00
Lookout Mt.	40.00	0	\$ 40.00	0	0	80.00
Pleas. Gr.	40.00	5.00	40.00	0	0	85.00
Ragland	40.00	15.00	40.00	0	0	95.00
Wattsville	40.00	10.00	40.00	0	0	90.00
Talladega	40.00	10.00	40.00	0	0	90.00
Community	40.00	0	40.00	0	0	80.00
Ministers	36.00					36.00
Deacons	19.00					19.00
Child. H. Of				\$ 91.13		91.13
Miss. Off. Sanford Davis					\$40.00	40.00
						\$851.13
On hand Aug ust 1, 77						
	\$10.00		\$ 457.00			467.00
						\$1,318.13

SPENT:

Janitor: Louie Lee -----	\$280.00
Sanford Davis, Missionary -----	140.00
Children's Home -----	91.13
Envelopes & mailing minutes -----	13.63
Home Missions -----	180.00
Moderator, Rev. Lester McMahan ---	10.00
Clerk: Chester O'Donnell -----	60.00
Gadsden Letter Shop Minutes -----	113.62
Mileage 8 cents per mi. -----	15.00
States Fees -----	40.00
Total spent -----	\$ 943.38
Bal. in treasury August 1, 1978	374.75

Home Missions: MSC to accept as read.

On hand August 1, 1977

	Gen.	Des.	Total	Gen.	Des.	Total
On hand				\$1,488.03		\$1,488.03

Received						
Pl. Gr.	\$143.58		\$143.58			
Talla.	40.00	\$140.00	180.00			
Rag.	0	90.00	90.00			
Friend.	0	80.00	80.00			
Look. Mt.	0	20.00	20.00			
Asso. Tr.	180.00	0	180.00			
Watts.	15.00	0	15.00			
Total	\$ 378.58	\$330.00	\$ 708.58	\$1866.61	\$330.00	\$2196.61
Spent						
	Gen.	Des.	Total	B. Gen	bal. Des.	Total
P. Davis	\$ 300.00		\$300.00	\$1566.61		
Fel Miss.		\$141.75	141.75	\$188.25		\$1,754.86
Total	\$ 300.00	\$141.75	\$441.75	\$1566.61	\$188.25	
						\$1,754.86

ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

1. Folding Table	\$	\$	5.40
2. Smith-Corona Typewriter	225.00	85.45	
3. Desk File Cabinet	20.57	8.00	
4. Tape Recorder	45.00	16.92	
5. Communion Set	15.00	8.00	
6. 12 Washpans, 12 Towels	16.85	9.00	
7. Total Cost and Value	\$ 322.50	\$ 132.77	

Morning message: Rev. Arthur Renfroe, Scripture Matt. 16:13-19
 "The Church That Jesus Built." Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Clarence O'Donnell. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading Haggai 1:1-5. Prayer by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.
 Appointing delegates to State Association: 1. Hardy Rich; 2. Brenda Kay, 3. Rhonda O'Donnell; 4. William E. Estes; 5. Sis. Francis Callwell; 6. Thomas Murry; 7. Richard Daffron.

MSC for clerk to send \$25.00 to Children's Home.

The moderator appointed Deacons Bobby Dollar and Calvin Barber to see about the communion service.

Motion MSC to retain clerk (Chester O'Donnell) for (2) two more years.
 Assistant clerk: Bro. Johnnie R. Wiggins nominated and elected. The ladies were given a rising vote of thanks for the good dinner. Minutes read; MSC to receive as read. Moved the business session stand adjourned till the Nov. session.

Afternoon message: Rev. G. H. Latta, scripture Luke 22:7-23 (Preparing for the Passover) 10 took part in the communion and feetwashing.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

House called to order by Clerk Chester O'Donnell; Paul Davis took charge reading Isa. 1:1-3; II Tim. 3:1-5; prayer by Rev. Arthur Renfroe, Opportunity for membership. Rev. Arthur Renfroe, Rev. Chester L. Finch, Rev. G. H. Latta, presented themselves. Moved by J. T. Windsor and seconded by J.R. Wiggins to receive them carried.

ROLL CALL

1. Bishop, Clyde, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953, Ph. 594-4198
2. Carlisle, C.L. (LTC) Pell City, Al. 35125
3. Chaney, Barney, Gadsden, Al.
4. Davis, Paul, 19th N. 30th St., Pell City, Al. 35125
5. Edge, Mark, (LTC) P.O. Box 82, Ragland, Al. 35131 Ph. 476-3663
6. Elders, Cleo (LTC) P.O. Box 85, Talladega, Al., 35169
7. Engle, Clay, Box 178a, Rt. 1, Harpersville, Al., Ph. 672-7736 Vincent
8. Finch, Chester L., Rt. 1, Box 89, Pell City, Al. 35125
9. Gearhart, Gary, Ragland, Al. 35131
10. Golden, Bobby, Rt. 2, Box 471g Pell City, Al. 35125 Ph. 338-2713

11. Higginbotham, Allen (LTC) 1108 Leighton St., Anniston, Ala.
12. Holland, Nolan K., 1229 Mayflower St., Gadsden, Al. 35901 Ph. 547-4063
13. Holland, Nolan Tim., 2049 Mayfield St., Gadsden, Al. 35901
14. Latta, G. H. Rt. 5, Box 16, Leeds, Al. 35094, Ph. 699-6541
15. Ledlow, Alfred (LTC) Cropwell, Al.
16. Morgan, Larry, Ragland, Al. 35131
17. C'Donnell, Chester, Rt. 1, Box 204, Ashville, Al. 35953, Ph. 594-4248
18. O'Donnell, Clarence, (LTC) Rt. 2, Box 576a Pell City, Al. 35125, Ph. 338-3793
19. O'Donnell, H. A. (LTC) Rt. 1, Box 204, Ashville, Al. 35953, Ph. 594-4248
20. Patterson, W. C. (LTC) 3309 - 8th Ave., N., Pell C., Al., 35125 Ph. 338-7243
21. Renfroe, Arthur, 3028 - 9th Ave., N., Pell City, Al. 35125
22. Roberson, Robert, 413 Poole St., Leeds, Al. Ph. 699-6907
23. Smith, LeRoy, (LTC) Pell City, Al. 35125
24. Walker, Ernest, Rt. 3, Box 122, Leeds, Al.
25. Windsor, J. T., 504 29th St., N., Pell City, Al. 35125

DEACONS:

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| 1. Alfred O'Donnell, Pleasant Grove | 2. Teddy Cain, Friendship |
| 3. J.U. Smith, Lookout Mt. | 4. Calvin Barber, Friendship |
| 5. Bobby Dollar, Wattsville | 6. J.R. Wiggins, Friendship |
| 7. L. D. Jones, Talladega | 8. W. G. Haynes, Friendship |
| 9. Daniel Jones, Talladega | 10. Orlie Mitchel, Friendship |
| 11. J. B. Chambles, Ragland | 12. Ullis Hazelwood, Friendship |
| 13. Huston Ramsey, Guiding Light | 14. Jerone Wyatt, Friendship |

Business: MSC to elect officers for the coming year. For Moderator, Rev. J. T. Windsor was nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected. Assistant Mod. Rev. Clay Engle was nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected. MSC to retain Chester O'Donnell as clerk; Bro. J.R. Wiggins was nominated for Assistant clerk. MSC to close on him and he was elected.

Speaker for 1979. Rev. Arthur Renfroe and Rev. Chester L. Finch were nominated. MSC to close on these 2. Rev. Arthur Renfroe elected. MSC that Rev. Chester L. Finch be the alternate speaker. MSC to stay open through Saturday. Message by Rev. Robert Roberson. Scripture II Tim. 4:1-3 "Preach The Word" Dismissed by J.R. Wiggins.

CHURCH LETTERS

FRIENDSHIP: 3030 Comer Ave., Pell City, Ala. Pastor, Rev. Arthur Renfroe, 3028 - 9th Ave., N., Pell City, Al. 35125. Clerk: Mrs. Shirley Hazelwood, Box 419, Rt. 2, Pell City, Al. 35125. Delegates: Bro. Louie Lee, Sis. Martha Patterson, Bro. Martin Patterson, Bro. D.C. Morrow, Bro. Howard Endfinger. STATISTICS: Church Membership 137. Members received by profession of faith 12 by letter 1 by statement of faith 3, total members received 16. Members dismissed Deceased 2. 1. Bro. Flossie Gallups, 2. Bro. Joe Spradley. Total members dismissed 2. Sunday School enrollment 135. Average attendance 124. CTS enrollment 60. Average attendance 40. Mid-week service average attendance 60. Number of ordained ministers 4. Number of licensed ministers 1.

Number of ordained deacons 9. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes Pastor's salary \$13,750; evangelistic work \$400.00; building and repair \$4,239.87; literature \$938.77; other \$10,169.65; total spent for local causes \$29,498.29; spent for outside causes: home missions \$238.40; orphanage \$275.00; associational projects \$735.00; state and national projects \$180.00; other \$350.55; total spent for outside causes \$1,823.95. Total expenditures \$31,322.24. Value of church property \$100,000.00. Value of parsonage property \$75,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$25.00.

RAGLAND: Ragland, Al. Pastor: Rev. Robert Roberson, New Rev. G. H. Latta, Rt. 5, Box 16, Leeds, Al., 35094; Clerk: Mrs. Bertha Fay Higginbotham, Box 316, Ragland, Al., 35131. Delegates: Sis. Bonnie Gearhart, Sis. Brenda Kay, Alt. Sis. Karen Kay. **STATISTICS:** Church membership 57, members received by letter 3, by statement of faith 1. Total members received 4. Members dismissed - deceased (Joan Kay) 1. Total members dismissed 1, Sunday School average attendance 28, mid-week service average attendance 15, number of ordained ministers 3, number of ordained deacons 3. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$2820.00; evangelistic work \$225.00; building and repair \$287.51; other \$3,073.47; Total spent for local causes \$6,405.98. Spent for outside causes: home missions \$215.00; orphanage \$240.00; superannuation \$405.00; associational projects \$951.11. Total spent for outside causes \$1,811.11. Total expenditures \$8217.09. Value of church property \$23000.00 Amount enclosed of fees \$20.00.

LOOKOUT MT., Rt. 13, Box 306, Belmont Cl., Gadsden, Al. 35901 Pastor: Rev. Nolan Tim Holland, 2049 Mayfield, Gadsden, Al. 35901. Delegates: William E. Estes, J.U. Smith. **STATISTICS:** Church Membership 45, members received by profession of faith 4; total members received 4, members dismissed excluded 4; total members dismissed 4; Sunday School enrollment 30; average attendance 25; CTS enrollment 20; average attendance 15 Master's Men enrollment 10; average attendance 8; mid-week service average attendance 10; number of ordained ministers 2; number of ordained deacons 1. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$100.00; building and repair \$592.43; literature \$63.48; other \$123.30; total spent for local causes \$879.21. Spent for outside causes: foreign missions \$50.00; orphanage \$30.00; total spent for outside causes \$80.00; total expenditures \$959.21. Value of church property \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$25.00.

WATTSVILLE: Hwy. 231, Wattsville, Al. Pastor, Rev. Ernest Walker, Leeds, Al. New Pastor: Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Al.; Clerk: Herman Dollar, 2001 3rd Ave., S., Pell City, Al. 35125; Delegates: Bro. Herman Dollar, Bro. Edgar O'Donnell, Sis. Essie Dollar, Rev. Larry Morgan, Bro. Bobby Dollar, **STATISTICS:** Church Membership 112; members received by profession of faith 4 by letter 4 Total.

members received 8. Members dismissed by letter 2, excluded 4, deceased 2, Bro. Raymond Schockley, Rev. Edward Layton. Total members dismissed 8, Sunday School enrollment 80, average attendance 65, mid-week service average attendance 30, number of ordained ministers 4, number of ordained deacons 3. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,950.00, evangelistic work \$355.59, other \$2,687.07. Total spent for local causes \$4,992.66, spent for outside causes: home missions \$338.00, associational projects \$838.77, total spent for outside causes \$1,176.77. Total expenditures \$6,169.43, value church property \$115,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$30.00.

FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH: Talladega, Al., Pastor, Rev. Robert Sanders, Mt. Olive Circle, Talladega, Al., Clerk: Mrs. Eunice Davis, Rt. 1, Box 249, A Talladega, Al.; Delegates: Sis. Patricia Rice, Bro. Howard Smith, Sis. Lydis Smith, Sis. Reba Sanders, alternate. **STATISTICS:** Church membership 88, members received by profession of faith 5, by letter 3, by statement of faith 2, total members received 10, members dismissed by letter 2, deceased 2, Mrs. Narcissus Jones, Sis. Teresa Hollis, total members dismissed 4; Sunday School enrollment 64; average attendance 46; Woman's Auxiliary enrollment 10; average attendance 8; Master's Men enrollment 10; average attendance 8; mid-week service average attendance 25; number of ordained ministers 4; number of ordained deacons 3; **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$2,700.00; evangelistic work \$235.00; building and repair \$800.00; literature \$286.70; other \$3,619.80; total spent for local causes \$7,631.50; spent for outside causes: home missions \$200.00; orphanage \$652.44; associational project \$252.08; other \$120.00; total spent for outside causes \$1,224.52, total expenditures \$8,891.02, value of church property \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$25.00.

PLEASANT GROVE: Route 1, Ashville, Al. 35953, Pastor, Rev. Nolan Holland 1229 Mayflower St., Gadsden, Al. 35901, Clerk, Mrs. Nettie R. Wolfe, Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953 (New Clerk, Mrs. Roxie Golden, Route 2, Box 471g, Pell City, Al.) Delegates: Sis. Rhonda O'Donnell, Sis. Reba Muir, Sis. Dennie Cox, **STATISTICS:** Church membership 38 members received by letter 3, total members received 3, members dismissed, deceased 1, (Mrs. Ruby Cox) total members dismissed 1, Sunday School enrollment 30; average attendance 25, number of ordained ministers 6, number of ordained deacons 2. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$1,265.00; evangelistic work \$190.00; building and repair \$2,338.06; literature \$140.00; other \$185.52; total spent for local causes \$3,978.58; spent for outside causes: home missions \$136.52; orphanage \$150.83; superannuation \$8.52; associational projects \$222.70; total spent for outside causes \$518.57; total expenditures \$4,497.15; value of church property \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed for fees \$25.00.

GUIDING LIGHT: Rt. 1, Pell City, Al., Pastor: Rev. Chester L. Finch, Rt. Box 89, Pell City, Al. 35125; Clerk: William Callahan Rt. 1, Box 65a, Pell City, Al., Delegates: Sis. Rethea Fisher, Bro. Thomas Murray, Bro. Rod Rich. **STATISTICS:** Church membership 85, members received by profession of faith 1, by letter 1, by statement of faith 2, total members received 4; members dismissed by letter 2, deceased 1, (Sis. Hattie Hamilton) total members dismissed 3, Sunday School average attendance 40, mid-week service average attendance 15, number of ordained ministers 6, number of ordained deacons 6, **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary \$900.00, evangelistic work \$75.00; building and repair \$774.95; literature \$64.94; other \$2,375.57; total spent for local causes \$4,190.46; spent for outside causes: orphanage \$270.00; total spent for outside causes: \$270.00; total expenditures \$4,460.46; value of church property \$20,000.00. 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 1960)

called to order by clerk: Moderator; Rev. Paul Davis, took charge, reading II Tim. 3:1-7, Prayer by Rev. N. Tim Holland. Clerk gave report of letters; MSC to receive letters and seat delegates. Received letters from 8 churches all in order. Lookout Mt., Pleasant Grove, Ragland, Guiding Light, Wartsville, Friendship, Talladega Community. I recommend the letters be accepted and delegates seated. Devotional Committee: Bro. Martin Patterson, Sis. Rethea Fisher, Sis. Eunice Davis.

Business Committee: Rev. Larry Morgan, Bro. J.U. Smith, Bro. Orbie Davis, Bro. Howard Endfinger, Bro. Louie Lee.

Report of Devotional Committee: MSC to receive. We your devotional committee recommend Rev. Ernest Walker for the morning message.

Bro. Foster from the National Sunday School Dept. gave us a report of his work and the National S.S. Dept. work.

Report of Business Committee: MSC to receive and take up items by item. We your business committee recommend the following items. Item 1. Bro. Barney Chaney be brought before the ordaining council and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel. MSC. Item 2. That each church upon receipt of letter form from clerk fill it out and return to clerk, and the meeting be announced in the church from time to time. Item 3. Licensed ministers make a written report to association for the ordaining council before being ordained. MSC.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Lester McMahan, Chrm., Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Rev. Larry Morgan, Rev. N. Tim Holland, Deacon J. U. Smith.

Report of Ordaining Council: MSC to receive: We the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Barney Chaney from Lookout Mt. Church and recommend he be ordained. The Council proceeded with charge, prayer, and laying on of hands. Charge given by Rev. Lester McMahan. Scripture I Tim. 3:1-7. Ordination prayer led by Rev. Lester McMahan.

Morning message: Rev. Ernest Walker: Scripture Exek. 47:1-5. Dismissed by Bro. Foster. There was no afternoon service.

FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION - 45th ANNUAL SESSION OF LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST - August 18-19, 1978

7 churches reporting

Moderator: Rev. Paul Davis Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

Liberty A #2 Association met in the 45th session on August 18, 19, 1978 at the camp ground, 3 miles north of Pell City, Ala. The clerk called the association and the Ministers and Deacons Conference to order Friday night. The Moderator, Rev. Paul Davis took charge. See ministers and deacons meeting.

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 domination 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