# **MINUTES**

of the

# LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

of the

# ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST 1983 - 1984

CONVENED AT

# LIBERTY #2 CAMPGROUND

3 miles north of Pell City, Alabama Just off Highway 231

> 50TH SESSION August 19 - 20, 1983

> 51ST SESSION August 17 - 18, 1984

# FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE 50TH ANNUAL SESSION

November 20, 1982

Moderator: Rev. J. T. Windsor Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

Six Churches Reporting

The First Quarterly session of the Liberty #2 Association of Free Will Baptist met at the campground, 3 miles north of Pell City, Alabama on November 20, 1982.

House called to order by Moderator. Scripture reading from Psalms 15. Prayer led by Rev. Authur Renfro.

Delegates names called. MSC to seat delegates.

Committees Appointed:

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis. Brenda Morgan

Sis. Della Jones Sis. Judy Oliver BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Bro. Jones

Rev. Larry Morgan Deacon Calvin Barber

Bro. Randy Kay

Deacon J. B. Chamblis

Report of State Association given by Rev. Paul Davis. Received as information.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your Devotional Committee, recommend Rev. Larry Morgan to preach the 11 o'clock message at the February session with Rev. Bobby Golden as alternate. MSC.

MSC that the Moderator appoint someone to preach at this session since those appointed were absent. Moderator appointed Rev. Larry Morgan.

Deacon Jesse Morgan gave a report of the Sunday School Executive Board. Received as information.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell gave a report of the Children's Home. Offering of \$23.00 taken for the home. Prayer led by Bro. Alfred O'Donnell.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

No business to report.

Prayer led by Rev. Herman O'Donnell. Morning message by Rev. Larry Morgan. Scripture: I Cor. 12:12-19. Prayer by Rev. Morgan. Subject: The body is made up of many members, working together.

Minutes read. MSC to receive as read. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Herman Dollar.

# SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

February 19, 1983

Moderator: Rev. J. T. Windsor Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

Six Churches Reporting

The Second Quarterly session met at the Liberty #2 campground,

February 19, 1983.

Opened with singing. Prayer led by Rev. J. T. Windsor.

Moderator took charge, calling the body to order. Scripture reading:

Psalms 100. Prayer led by Bro. Martin Patterson.

Names of Church Delegates read. MSC to seat delegates.

# APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE	BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Sis. Suzette Cain Sis. Simpkins Sis. Diane Kay	Bro. Martin Patterson Rev. Paul Davis Bro. J. B. Chamblis Bro. Jesse Morgan Bro. J. R. Wiggins

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

# DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, the devotional committee, recommend Rev. Arthur Renfro for the 11:00 message in May 1983. Rev. Mark Edge as the Alternate. MSC

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

(oral report by Bro. Max Mayo)

Report concerning the cost of paving the road to the camp would be \$5,000 to \$6,000, 1500 ft. long, 10 to 12 ft. wide,

# BUSINESS COMMITTEE

No. business.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell gave report of Children's Home. Offering received for home, \$33.50. Prayer led by Bro. Alfred O'Donnell.

Wattsville Church won the attendance banner.

Morning message by Rev. Larry Morgan. Scripture taken from Isaiah 1:10-18. Prayer by Rev. Morgan. Also used Romans 11:13-23.

Altar prayer led by Rev. Paul Davis. Reading of minutes. MSC to adopt as read. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Hubert Owens.

# THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION, MAY 14, 1983

Moderator: Rev. J. T. Windsor Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

Six churches reporting

The third quarterly session of Liberty #2 Association of Free Will Baptist met at the campground on May 14, 1983.

The moderator, Rev. J. T. Windsor called the session to order. Scripture reading: Psalms 100. Prayer led by Rev. Paul Davis. Church delegates names called. MSC to seat delegates.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE	BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Sis. Simpkins	Bro. Martin Patterson
Sis. Della Jones	Bro. L. D. Jones
Sis. Brenda Morgan	Bro. Alfred O'Donnell
	Rev. Larry Morgan
	Bro. Jesse Morgan

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, the devotional committee, recommend Rev. Bobby Golden for the 11 o'clock message in August with Rev. J. T. Windsor as the alternate. MSC.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the business committee recommend the following: Item 1: That the Executive Board of the Sunday School Convention make a report at each session of the quarterly meeting, after the other reports are in. MSC to accept report.

Executive Board of the Sunday School Convention gave an oral report. MSC to receive as information.

Dismissed for a short recess by Rev. James Barber.

After recess, Rev. Chester O'Donnell gave report about the National minutes, the Children's Home, Local Home Mission Board, and the State Association Delegates' expenses.

Friendship won the attendance banner.

Offering to Children's Home: \$40.00. Prayer by Bro. Alfred O'Donnell.

Morning message by Rev. Mark Edge. Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3. (In trouble without the Lord). Prayer by Rev. Edge.

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Minutes read, MSC to adopt minutes as read. Dismissed by Bro. Randy Kay.

# FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION, 50TH ANNUAL SESSION AUGUST 19 - 20, 1983

Moderator: Rev. J. T. Windsor Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell

Six churches reporting: Friendship, Lookout Mountain, Pleasant Grove, Ragland, Talladega, and Wattsville.

The 50th annual session of Liberty #2 Association of Free Will Baptist met at the campground, 3 miles north of Pell City off Highway 231, on August 19 - 20, 1983, Friday night and Saturday morning.

The session opened with singing. House called to order by Moderator, Rev. J. T. Windsor. Scripture: 1st Psalms and Psalms 27:4. Prayer by Rev. Rickey Patterson.

Church delegates name called. MSC to seat the delegates.

# APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- 1. DEVOTIONAL: Sis. Wiggins, Sis. Barber, Sis. Chamblis
- BUSINESS AND AUDIT: Bro. Martin Patterson, Rev. Mark Edge, Rev. Larry Morgan, Deacon Jesse Morgan, Rev. Bobby Golden.
- 3. DECEASED: Sis. Simpkins, Sis. Bertha Higginbotham, Sis. Louise McLemore
- 4. EXECUTIVE: Rev. J. T. Windsor (1984), Deacon L. D. Jones (1985), Bro. Johnnie Wiggins (1986).
- HOME MISSION: Rev. Arthur Renfro (1984), Rev. Chester O'Donnell (1985) Treasurer, Rev. Tim Holland (1986), Deacon Frank Simpkins (1987), Rev. Cleo Elders (1988).
- ORGANIZING COUNCIL: Bro. Orlie Mitchell (1984), Deacon Frank Simpkins (1985), Deacon A. C. Jones (1986), Rev. Paul Davis (1987), Deacon J. B. Chamblis (1988).
- 7. LITERATURE: Sis. Mitchell, Sis. Chamblis, Bro. Chad Smith.
- 8. EDUCATION AND FAMILY RELIGION: Bro. Herman Dollar, Rev. Tim Holland, Bro. Howard Holland
- 9. TEMPERANCE AND RESOLUTION: Bro. Chad Smith, Mrs. James Barber, Bro. Jr. Mitchell
- 10. ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Mark Edge, Rev. H. A.
  O'Donnell, Rev. Paul Davis, Deacon Frank Simpkins, Deacon
  Alfred O'Donnell

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# 11. MINISTERIAL STANDINGS: Deacon J. B. Chamblis, Bro. Jr. Mitchell, Deacon Alfred O'Donnell

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your Devotional Committee, recommend Rev. Ricky Patterson to preach the 11 o'clock message in November, with Rev. Tim Holland as the alternate. MSC to receive the recommendation.

#### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following items:

- Item 1: We have examined the Association Treasurer's books and Home Mission book and find them in order and correct.
- Item 2: We have examined the church letters and find them in order.

MSC to receive and take up item by item. Item 1 and 2 passed.

#### DECEASED COMMITTEE

We are sorry to report that 2 have departed our midst the past year. Friendship: Bro. Bob Spradley; Wattsville: Sis. Elaine Stewart.

# LITERATURE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School and Literature committee, recommend the following:

- Item 1: We find no derogatory items in our National Association Literature.
- Item 2: That VBS directors be appointed far enough in advance to enable the churches to use VBS literature from our National Headquarters.
- Item 3: That the parents continue to review incoming literature in the home before allowing youth to read it.

MSC to accept report.

# TEMPERANCE AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We recommend that we practice temperance in all areas of our lives as the Bible teaches; especially family devotion and family prayer, teaching patience and faith while our children are young. We resolve that all efforts be made to teach sound doctrine according to that laid down in the Bible. We believe that Christian edu-

cation starts at home with the parents as examples for their children, not public schools. We should always have discipline within ourselves, and respect others. We stress the importance of studying the Word of God and dividing the Word of God rightly. A workman need not be ashamed.

MSC to receive report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No report.
HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE: No report.
ORDAINING COUNCIL COMMITTEE: No report.

# MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

We recommend that each minister or deacon that reported in person or by letter (with fees) be granted a certificate of standing for the coming year. (By Clerk: If any minister or deacon has reached the age of 65 and has been a member and reported this year and the year before, he receives a life time certificate)

MSC to receive report.

We, the Education and Family Religion committee, recommend the following:

EDUCATION AND FAMILY RELIGION COMMITTEE

- We continue to use the King James version of the Bible in the home.
- Sunday School attendance be encouraged in the home.
- The family study God's Word together to guard against unsound doctrine undermining our teaching of the Bible as presented by Free Will Baptist.
- We also recommend that T.V. viewing in our home be done with discretion, due to the fact of ungodly language and conduct that is now shown.

MSC to receive report.

# REPORT OF TREASURER

REPURT OF	IRE	ASURE	Κ.
GENERAL FUND			
Balance brought forward, Augus	t 198	32	\$ 368.32
RECEIVED:			•
Friendship Church	\$	100.00	
Lookout Mountain		100.00	
Ragland		100.00	
Pleasant Grove		125.00	
Talladega		105.00	
Wattsville		115.00	
Visitor		1.00	
Ministers		16.00	
Deacons		14.00	
Children's Home Offering		130.00	
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$	806.00	\$ 806.00
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD	ANI	RECEI	VED \$1,174.32
PAID OUT:			
Moderator	\$	10.00	
Clerk		120.00	
Trustee to Children's Home		132.00	
Offering to Children's Home		130.00	
Fees to State Association		120.00	
Minutes Printed		242.36	
Light Bulbs	_	20.31	
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$	774.67	\$ 774.67
BALANCE, AUGUST 1, 1983			\$ 399.65
HOME MISSIONS			
Balance brought forward, August	1, 19	82	\$1,235.18
RECEIVED:	236		2 10
Wattsville Church	\$	70.00	
Rev. Chester O'Donnell		60.00	
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$	130.00	\$ 130.00
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BALANCE, AUGUST 1, 1983......\$1,365.18

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Treasurer for both reports. Both reports received by proper move and second.

Delegates to State Association: Bro. Johnny R. Wiggins, and Bro. Howard Holland

MSC to elect officers for the next two years. For Moderator: Rev. Larry Morgan and Rev. Ricky Patterson were nominated. MSC to close nomination on these two. Rev. Larry Morgan was elected. MSC for Rev. Ricky Patterson to be the Assistant Moderator.

Offering for the Children's Home: \$40.00.

Morning message: Rev. Bobby Golden, the elected speaker for the hour, gave way so that Chaplain Blaine Bishop could speak to us. We were glad to have Chaplain Bishop with us and hear him speak again. He is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Scripture: Romans 1:16, 17; St. John 1:12 (All Powerfully).

Minutes read. MSC to receive minutes as read. Dismissed by Rev. Ricky Patterson.

# MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Friday Night, August 19, 1983

Ministers and Deacons Conference met at the Liberty #2 Free Will Baptist campground on Friday night, August 19, 1983 at 7 p.m.

Moderator, Rev. Paul Davis took charge after singing, calling the house to order. Scripture reading from Psalms 133. Prayer by Rev. Blaine Bishop.

Roll Call. MSC to ask the Association to grant those answering by letter and in person, a certificate of standing for the coming year.

Opportunity for members: Rev. Ricky Patterson came forth and was received by proper move and second.

MSC to elect officers: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk. For Moderator: Rev. Bobby Golden and Rev. Tim Holland were nominated. MSC to close on these two. Rev. Bobby Golden was elected. Assistant Moderator: Deacon Daniel Jones was nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected. Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell was nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected. Assistant Clerk: Rev. Tim Holland was nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected.

Speaker for the August 1984 session chosen. Rev. Tim Holland and Rev. Ricky Patterson were nominated. MSC to close on these two. Rev. Tim Holland was elected. MSC for Rev. Ricky Patterson to be the alternate speaker.

MSC to adjourn the business session for tonight and take up

any business that may arise tomorrow.

Speaker for tonight: Rev. Paul Davis. Scripture reading: 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 7, Gen. 6:5, Luke 17:28 - 30, and Matt. 28:16.

List of Ministers and Deacons who reported in person, by letter, or have a life time certificate.

# MINISTERS

- 1. Rev. Barber, James Talladega, Al
- 2. Rev. Bishop, Clyde, (LTC) Rt. 1, Ashville, Al. 35953 Phone 594-4198
- 3. Rev. Davis, Paul, (LTC) 19th N. 30th St. Pell City, Al. 35125
- 4. Rev. Edge, Mark, (LTC) Ragland, Al. 35131 Phone 472-2763
- 5. Rev. Elders, Cleo, (LTC) P. O. Box 85 Talladega, Al.
- 6. Rev. Golden, Bobby Rt. 1, Box 471g Pell City, Al. 35125 Phone 338-2713
- 7. Rev. Holland, Tim 2049 Mayfield St., Gadsden, Al. 35901 Phone 543-7067
- 8. Rev. Morgan, Larry Rt. 2, Box 360 Leeds, Al. 35094 Phone 699-5832
- 9. Rev. O'Donnell, Chester Rt. 1, Box 204 Ashville, Al. 35953

- Rev. O'Donnell, Clarence, (LTC) 10. Eden, Al.
- Rev. O'Donnell, Herman, (LTC) Rt. 1, Box 204 Ashville, Al. 35953
- Rev. Patterson, Ricky Pell City, Al. 35152 Phone 884-3921
- Rev. Windsor, J. T. (LTC) 504 29th St. N. Pell City, Al. 35152

#### **DEACONS**

1.	J. B. Chamblis	5.	L. D. Jones (LTC)
2.	A. L. Foster (LTC)	6.	Jesse Morgan
3.	A. C. Jones (LTC)	7.	Alfred O'Donnell (LTC)
4	Daniel Jones	8.	Frank Simpkins (LTC)

# THE FIRST QUARTERLY OF THE 51ST ANNUAL SESSION OF LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Moderator: Rev. Larry Morgan

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ricky Patterson

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

The First Quarterly Session met at Campground November 19, 1983.

Six churches reporting.

The Session opened with singing. Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan took charge. Scripture reading: Acts 2:1. Prayer by Bro. Jones.

Church Delegates names called and those present were seated by move and second.

Appointment of Committees:

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE	BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Sis. Dennie Cox	Rev. J. T. Windsor
Sis. Poly Ramsey	Rev. Bobby Golden
Sis. Suzette Cains	Deacon J. B. Chamblis
Sis. Jones	Deacon Jesse Morgan
	Deacon Frank Simpkins

We had a short recess while the committees were out.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your Devotional committee, recommend Rev. Tim Holland for the speaker in February 1984 and Rev. Bobby Golden as alternate. MSC to accept the report and these men be ready for the February Session.

# BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business committee, recommend the following items for your consideration:

That some one be acquired to clean the camp building and light the heaters before each session. MSC to accept this item and ask for volunteer. Tressia Morgan volunteered to clean building. Bro. Jones volunteered to light heaters.

We have examined the letters and find them in order. Item 2: MSC to accept this item.

Sunday School Executive Committee made their report. Received as information.

Report of Children's Home Trustee.

Report of State Association and The National coming to Alabama. Received as information.

Offering for Children's Home: \$55.00

Reading of minutes. Read and adopted as read.

Morning message: Rev. Ricky Patterson, Phil. 4:19. Prayer by Speaker. Invitation Song - No. 81, "Jus As I Am." No response.

Dismissed by H. A. O'Donnell.

# THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE 51ST ANNUAL SESSION OF

# LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

met at Campground on February 18, 1984

Moderator: Rev. Larry Morgan

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ricky Patterson

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

Six Churches reporting.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Paul Davis. House called to order by Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan. Called for the reading of Church Delegates names. Move made, seconded and carried to seat those present.

Appointment of Committees:

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Sis. Bertha Fay Higginbotham

Bro. J. B. Chamblis Bro. Bobby Golden

Sis. Myrtie Ritch Sis. Naomi Muir

Bro. Jesse Morgan

Sis. Della Jones

Bro. James Barber

Sis. Susie Pardue

Bro. Arthur Renfro

REPORT OF COMMITTEES
DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, the Devotional committee, recommend Rev. J. T. Windsor to preach at the May Session with Rev. Paul Davis as alternate.

MSC to accept the recommendation and the speakers be ready at the next session.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business committee, have examined the letters and find them in order.

MSC to receive report.

Item 1. Recommend Rev. Clarence Pettus be received under the watch care of the Association until August Session and he be questioned at the August Session to exchange credentials. MSC.

Report of Sunday School Executive Committee: Oral. Received as information.

Report of Children's Home Trustee: Received as information.

Offering to Children's Home: \$34.36. Prayer by Jesse Morgan.

Wattsville and Talladega church tied for the attendance banner. Talladega won last time and ask the banner be given to Wattsville to hold until next session.

Morning message by Rev. Bobby Golden.

Scripture reading, Proverbs 29:18 "Perishing People - No Vision." Reading of minutes. MSC to receive minutes as read. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. H. A. O'Donnell.

THE 3RD QUARTERLY SESSION MET AT CAMPGROUND MAY 19, 1984

Moderator: Rev. Larry Morgan

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ricky Patterson

Clerk: Rev. Chester O'Donnell Assistant Clerk: Rev. Paul Davis Six Churches Reporting.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Windsor. House called to order by Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan. Scripture reading Proverbs 16th chapter.

Moderator called for the reading of church delegates names.

MSC to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Ricky Patterson

Sis. Bertha Higginbotham Sis. Mozell Brown

Bro. L. D. Jones

Sis. Naomi Muir

Bro. Frank Simpkins Bro. Jesse Morgan

Sis. Della Jones

Bro. Louis Lee

# REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, the Devotional committee, recommend Rev. Arthur Renfro be the speaker and Rev. James Barber be the alternate for the August Session. MSC to accept and the speakers to be prepared.

# REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business committe, have examined the letters and find them in order. When Pleasant Grove letter is received, it be examined to see if it is in order. MSC to accept report.

Offering received for Children's Home: \$31.00.

Attendance banner won by Wattsville. Altar Prayer. Morning message by Rev. J. T. Windsor. Scripture I Peter 5:8.

Reading of minutes. MSC to receive as read.

Report of Sunday School Executive Board. Received as information. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Cleo Elders.

4TH QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE 51ST ANNUAL SESSION OF LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION

> OF FREE WILL BAPTIST met at Campground on August 18, 1984

Moderator: Rev. Larry Morgan

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ricky Patterson

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

Six Church Reporting: Lookout Mt., Pleasant Grove, Ragland,

Wattsville, Friendship, Talladega.

The Session opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Max Mayo. Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan took charge and called house to order. Church delegates names were called. MSC to seat delegates.

# Appointment of Committees:

# DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Sis. Tressie Morgan Sis. Patsy Jones

Sis. Mozell Brown

# LITERATURE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sis. Vivian Renfro Sis. Pam Hallman Sis. Dennie Cox

# TEMPERANCE & RESOLUTION

Bro. Samuel Jones Sis. Suzette Cain Sis. Vergie Simpkins

### EDUCATION & FAMILY RELIGION

Bro. Lee Owens Bro. Jesse Morgan Bro. Randy Kay

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. T. Windsor Rev. H. A. O'Donnell Rev. Arthur Renfro Deacon Max Mayo Deacon Jesse Morgan

#### **BUSINESS & AUDITING**

Bro. Max Mayo Bro. Frank Simpkins Bro. L. D. Jones Bro. Alfred O'Donnell Bro. Ricky Patterson

#### DECEASED

Sis. Bertha Fay Higginbotham Sis. Della Jones Sis. Varney

### MINISTERAL STANDING

Rev. Paul Davis Rev. Tim Holland Deacon Alfred O'Donnell

#### EXECUTIVE

Deacon L.D. Jones - 1985 Bro. Johnnie Wiggins - 1986 Deacon Jesse Morgan - 1987

#### HOME MISSION

Rev. Chester O'Donnell - 1985 (Treasurer) Rev. Tim Holland - 1986 Deacon Frank Simpkins - 1987 Rev. Cleo Elders - 1988 Rev. Ricky Patterson - 1989

### ORGANIZING COUNCIL

Deacon Frank Simpkins - 1985 Deacon A. C. Jones - 1986 Rev. Paul Davis - 1987 Deacon J. B. Chamblis - 1988 Rev. J. T. Windsor - 1989

Moderator called a recess of Business of 15 to 20 minutes so the committees could meet. Assembled back with singing.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### DEVOTIONAL

We, the Devotional committee, recommend Rev. J. T. Windsor to preach and Rev. Ricky Patterson as alternate for the November Session, 1984. MSC to accept and the preachers be ready.

# **BUSINESS & AUDITING**

We, the Business & Auditing committee, have: No. 1: Examined the Home Mission Treasurer and the Association Treasurer books and find them in order. No. 2: That feetwashing and Communion be discussed to see if it was dropped by move and second or dropped for lack of time. No. 3: We have examined the letters and find them in order. MSC to receive report and take up item by item. Item #1 and #3. MSC to accept. Item #2: MSC the local church take care of the Communion and Feetwashing service in their own church.

### DECEASED

We, the Deceased committee, are sorry to report five (5) have departed our midst the past year. From Friendship: Bro. Levi Bunn, Sis. Emma Rich, Sis. Geneva Lee. From Wattsville: Sis. Nadine Tollison. From 1st FWB Church, Talladega: Sis. Irene Dye. MSC to accept report of committee and send up a silent prayer for those left behind.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITERATURE

We, the Literature committe, 1: looked over the previous report and find no reason to change anything. 2: We do encourage checking incoming Literature and that parents be sure to check on what their children are studying.

(Previous Report) Item 1: We find no derogatory items in our National Association Literature. Item 2: That VBS Directors be appointed far enough in advance to enable the churches to use VBS Literature from our National Headquarters. Item 3: That the parents continue to review incoming literature in the home before allowing youth to read it. MSC to receive this report (and carry it out).

# TEMPERANCE AND RESOLUTION

MSC to accept and they be placed in the minutes.

1. We should be dedicated christians and practice christianity in our daily lives. There are so many liberal events taking place today, and not only do the adults notice it, but the children of today notice it also.

Examples: Homosexuality, Women's Liberation (women holding offices men should hold). The Bible clearly teaches the man is to be the head.

Children disobedient and disrespectful to parents. The Bible teaches children should respect and love their parents.

Child Abuse: This is more and more common today and we should take a stand against it. Even Jesus said "Suffer little children to come unto me." We need to take a firm stand against these things and speak openly concerning the Bible teachings.

We should be faithful to our church in attendance and works.

Live during the week like we live on Sunday. We need to read our Bible more. The Bible plainly teaches to read our Bible daily. The day may come when we won't have the privilege to read our Bible and we'll have to depend on what we have learned through the reading and studying of it. MSC.

#### EDUCATION AND FAMILY RELIGION

- We continue to use the King James version of the Bible in the home.
  - 2. Sunday School attendance be encouraged in the home.
- The family study God's word together to guard against any unsound doctrine that would undermine our teaching of the Bible as presented by Free Will Baptist.
- 4. We also recommend that T. V. viewing in our home be done with discretion. MSC.

Home Mission Board: No Report.
Executive Committee: No Report.
Organizing Council: No Report.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

We have examined Bro. Clarence Pettus and recommend we exchange papers with him. He is a Minister. MSC to accept and we exchange papers.

#### MINISTERIAL STANDING

We recommend that those reporting in person or by letter receive a certificate of standing and if any minister or deacon has reached the age of 65 years and reported to the 1983 session and has reported to the 1984 session, he receive a lifetime certificate. MSC.

### ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Received	Aug. '83	Nov. '83	Feb. '84	May '84	Total
Friendship	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Lookout Mt.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Pleasant Grove	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	125.00
Ragland	45.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	120.00
Talladega	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Wattsville	45.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	120.00
Other			67.46	14.04	81.50
Orphanage Off.	40.00	55.00	35.36	31.00	161.36
Ministers	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	19.00
Deacons	6.00	4.00	1.00		11.00
Total Received Brought Forward	\$269.00	\$214.00	\$258.82	\$196.04	\$937.86 399.65
TOTAL				-	\$1337.51
SPENT:					
Moderator	10.00				10.00
Clerk	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Children's Home	40.00	55.00	35.36	31.00	161.36
Trustee Mileage	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	132.00
Others			67.46	14.04	81.50
Ent. Fee to State	120.00				120.00
TOTAL	233.00	118.00	165.82	108.04	624.86
Total Received: Forwarded:	\$937.86 \$399.65				
	\$1337.51				
Spent:	- 624.86				
Balance Left:	\$ 712.65				
By Chester O'Do	nnell				

#### HOME MISSION TREASURER

Received	Nov. '83	Feb. '84	May '84	Aug '84	Total
Wattsville	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
C. O'Donnell	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Total	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00

\$1365.18 Balance 120.00 Received

\$1485.18 Total

Treasurer Chester O'Donnell

MSC to receive these two reports

Report of Sunday School Executive Committee: MSC to receive as information.

Delegates to State Association: MSC that each church get a delegate and send the name to the clerk so he can get it in the letter.

MSC to go into election of a Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the next two (2) years. Frank Simpkins and Paul Davis were nominated. MSC to close on these two (2). Rev. Paul Davis was elected Assistant Clerk. Frank Simpkins was nominated as Clerk. MSC to close on him and he was elected.

Received offering for Children's Home. Prayer by Jesse Morgan. Offering \$25.00.

Attendance Banner was won by Friendship.

Morning message by Rev. Tim Holland, Scripture - Deut. 10:19 & Matthew 5:44. Minutes read. MSC to receive them as read.

Motion to adjourn business of Association and the Ministers and Deacon Conference elect their officers for the coming year. Dismissed by Rev. Clarence Pettus.

# MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons Conference met at the Campground August 17 - 18, 1984.

Friday night - opened with prayer by J. B. Chamblis. Moderator Rev. Bobby Golden took charge. Moved by Rev. Larry Morgan and seconded by Rev. Paul Davis to adjourn the business of this session until Saturday. MSC to do so, As there were 2 Revivals going on in the Association at this time. Dismissed by Rev. Larry Morgan.

Saturday after the association: MSC that the association moderator act as moderator of Ministers and Deacons Conference since the Moderator and Assistant Moderator were absent.

MSC to go into election of officers for the coming year. Moderator: Rev. Ricky Patterson was nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected. Assistant Moderator: Rev. J. T. Windsor and Rev. Tim Holland were nominated. MSC to close on these two. Tim Holland was elected.

Clerk: Rev. Paul Davis and Deaon Frank Simpkins were nominated. MSC to close on them. Rev. Paul Davis was elected. Assistant Clerk: Frank Simpkins was nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected.

Speaker for 1985 Session: Rev. Arthur Renfro was nominated and elected by move and second.

Alternate Speaker: Rev. Chester O'Donnell nominated. MSC to close on him and he was elected.

Rev. Clarence Pettus joined the Ministers and Deacons Conference and was given the right hand of fellowship.

Ministers and Deacons present were: Rev. J. T. Windsor, Rev. Bobby Golden, Rev. Paul Davis, Rev. Larry Morgan, Rev. Ricky Patterson, Rev. Clarence Pettus, Rev. Arthur Renfro, Rev. Tim Holland, Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Deacon Danel Jones, Deacon J. B. Chamblis, Deacon Max Mayo, Deacon Alfred O'Donnell, Deacon L. D. Jones, Deacon Arlie Mitchell, Jr., Deacon Frank Simpkins, Deacon Jesse Morgan. These registered with the clerk.

# 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 and deacon's conference and cannot be recognized as a minister nor pastor churches of this association, except they comply with this ruling.

 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.

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 serves 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 annual session, and he serves (2) two years. The election coming on the even year, and he takes office the first 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 \$25.00 for each session. November, February, May and August of this association. (4 sessions a year) and continue to contribute toward paying for the printing of the minutes. Changed November session 1981.

9. That the ministers and deacons conference convene on Friday night instead of Friday evening, as heretofore practiced.

- 10. That the moderator be paid \$10.00 for the fourth quarterly session which is the annual session in August. This session only for his service, that the clerk be paid \$30.00 each session (4 sessions a year) for his services and he be paid (35) thirty-five cents per mile for his expenses other than coming to association and quarterly meetings. Changed August 1980. The trustee to Children's Home be paid (15) fifteen cents per mile. Changed November 1975.
- 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 deed 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, and 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, 1983 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 expenses of the office, ministers and deacons cards. Passed 1971.

16. We recommend that each deacon be required to join ministers and deacons conference, and each one when he comes 65 years of age be given a life-time certificate of standing. Adopted Aug. 1980.

# RULES FOR MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

 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.

 The minister or deacon that reports in person or by letter will 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 is in question. 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 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 No. 2 Association be allowed to join the ministers and deacons conference at any of the ministers and deacons meetings.

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

I Timothy 3:2.

8. A minister in Liberty No. 2 Association is not to perform a marriage ceremony if a man or woman are divorced and has another living husband or wife.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. THE BIBLE: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are infallible rules 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, 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. 4:4-6.
- 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. Psalms 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, life, suffering death and resurrection effected 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 commital of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuation in faith and obedience until death. 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 selfcontrolled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit and live or to resist them and perish. Joshua 24:17.
- 11. SALVATION FREE: God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.
- 12. PERSEVERANCE: All believers in Christ, who through grace perserve 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, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers. Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.
- 14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH: The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3; Exodus 20:8-11.
- 15. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIB-UTION: 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.

# FREE WILL 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 "prove things honest in the sight of all men."

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 principles 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.

We agree, faithrully, 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 knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# 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 with us.
- 5. Reading of previous minutes.
- 6. Unfinished business.
- 7. Appointment of committees.
- Acknowledgements.
- Committee Reports.
- 10. New Business.
- 11. Adjournment.

The Annual Association meets on Friday night at 7:00 and on Saturday morning at 9:00, before the third Sunday in August each year.

The Quarterly meetings meet on Saturdays before the third Sunday's in November, February, May of each year at 9:00 a.m.

Ministers and Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays at Annual Session. Ministers and Deacons meet 1 week before quarterly meeting on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

All Meetings at the Campground.