

Minutes of the  
Liberty No. 2 Association  
of  
Freewill Baptist  
held  
at the Campground  
just off  
Highway 231 - Three Miles North  
Pell City, Al.  
54th Annual Session & QM.  
1986

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The 1st Quarterly Session of the 53rd Annual session of Liberty No. 2 Association of Freewill Baptist met with Wattsville Church, November 16, 1985.

5 churches reported.

No business conducted other than the moderator, Rev, Larry Morgan appointed a committee to revise our rules to carry out our business and add guide lines for ordination, rules of Decorum, etc.

The Committee

Rev. Ricky Patterson, Dea. Jessie Morgan, Layman Danny Hallman.

Rev. Arthur Renfro, Dea. Arlie Mitchell, Jr. Layman, Huey Lee Owen.

Rev. Mike Williamson, Dea. Loyalton Ledlow, Layman, Roddie Wolfe.

Rev. Roger Gunter, Dea. L.D. Jones, Layman Earl Blackburn.

Rev. Larry Morgan, Dea. J.B. Chamblis, Rev. N.K. Holland.

Business by the body resumed. Item 2 passed- Recommended the clerks name be added to the bank card at the Ashville Bank.

Ordaining Council examined Rev. Mike Williamson and recommended to exchange papers with him.

An offering of \$26.00 received for the Children's Home.



## II

Rev. J.T. Windsor brought the message using the scriptures I Cor. I: 24-31 and I Sam. 16: 6-7.

The Ordaining Council for this session were Rev. J.T. Windsor, Rev. Mike Williamson, Deacon Teddie Cain, Deacon Billy Higginbotham and Deacon Frank Simpkins, Rev. Arthur Renfro.

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2nd Quarterly Session met with the Talladega Church February 15, 1986. Moderator Larry Morgan took charge reading Isa. 1:21-26. Prayer by Rev. Roger Gunter.

Offering for the Children's Home was \$30.00. 5 churches reported.

Business committee recommended Rev. Roger Gunter to be examined by the Ordaining Council to preach the Gospel from Talladega Church. The Council recommended he be ordained. The Council were----- Rev. J.T. Windsor, Rev. Arthur Renfro, Rev. Mike Williamson, Dea. Teddie Cain, Dea. Frank Simpkins, Dea. Billy Higginbotham.

Rev. Mike Williamson brought the morning message. Scripture used, Gal. 5:22

Frank Simpkins, Acting Clerk.

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3rd Quarterly Session met with the Ragland Church, May 17, 1986. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan read

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the scripture John 15: 1-5. Three churches reported. Prayer by Rev. J.T. Windsor.

Offering for the Children's Home was \$28.00. Rev. Roger Gunter brought the message. Scriptures used Neh. 1:3 and 4:6.

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The 4th Quarterly Session of the 54th Annual Session of the Liberty No. 2 Association of Freewill Baptist met at the Campground, 3 miles north of Pell City, Al August 15-16, 1986.

Session began with singing led by Bro. Frank Simpkins. Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano.

The body called to order by the Clerk. The moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan took charge. Prayer led by Rev. Ricky Patterson. The moderator read scripture from St. Mark 4:13-20.

Roll call of the Delegates. Motion and second carried to accept the delegates and they be seated.

### Committees Appointed

DEVOTIONAL.....Jessie Morgan, Della Jones and Susie Pardue.

LITERATURE & SUNDAY SCHOOL.....Danny Hallman, Martha Lowery and Patsy Jones.

TEMPERANCE & RESOLUTION.....Huey Lee Owen, Erba Varney and Faye Wilson.

EDUCATION & FAMILY RELIGION.....Brenda Morgan, David Lowery and Katherine Dinaso.



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DECEASED....Billie Branham, Virgie Simpkins and J.B. Chamblis.  
 MINISTERIAL STANDING....Arthur Renfro, Alfred O'Donnel, Rickey Patterson.  
 HOME MISSION....Frank Simpkins, 1987; Cleo Elder, 1988; Ricky Patterson, 1989; J.B. Chamblis, 1990; Roger Gunter, 1991.  
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE....Jessie Morgan, 1987; Ricky Patterson, 1988; Frank Simpkins, 1989.  
 ORGANIZING COUNCIL....Paul Davis, 1987; J.B. Chamblis, 1988; J.T. Windsor, 1989; Arthur Renfro, 1990; Mike Williamson, 1991.  
 ORDAINING COUNCIL....J.B. Chamblis, 1987; Jessie Morgan, 1988; Ricky Patterson, 1989; Frank Simpkins, 1990; Arthur Renfro, 1991.  
 BUSINESS & AUDITING....Ricky Patterson, Roger Gunter, J.B. Chamblis, Mike Williamson, Hubert Owens.

There was a short recess, then singing led by Bro. Frank Simpkins. After this, the reports were given as follows: The Committees

DEVOTIONAL....Rev. Cleo Elder, speaker for Quarterly Meeting in November. Rev. Mike Williamson the alternate.

LITERATURE & SUNDAY SCHOOL....We the Literature and Sunday School Committee recommend we keep the same literature.

TEMPERANCE & RESOLUTION....#1. We should be dedicated Christians and practice christian living daily in our lives, so our children and others will see God in our lives.  
 #2. We should be faithful to Bible study and prayer life, being dedicated to our

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church services and assemble together.

#3. We should teach our children faith & love while they are young and have family devotions at home.

FAMILY, RELIGION & EDUCATION....We recommend that the importance of the Christian example set at home be stressed among our members so our children will be examples in public. The Bible teaches us that if we train up a child in the way it should go, that it will not depart from it. We realize that some elected officials say that they are for Christian education but do not follow through after the election. We feel we should be aware of political stands and encourage those who do stand for Christian education to be kept in office. We encourage our members to oppose those who stand for evolution and those who stand for evolution and those who don't support Christian education.

DECEASED....We the deceased committee have asked and gathered information concerning the deceased of the churches in our Association we find:  
 from Friendship..Bro. Carliss Hollis  
 from Pleasant Grove..Bro. Herman O'Donnell  
 from Talladega..Bro. William Jarvis, Bro. Almon Grice, Sis. Myrtle Beshears.  
 from Wattsville..Bro. Arthur Ritch

MINISTERIAL STANDING....We recommend those reporting in person or by letter receive a certificate of standing.

BUSINESS & AUDITING....#1. We the Business & Auditing committee have examined the letters of 5 churches and also examined the books of the clerk and they were found to be in or-



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der and ask approval of the Association.  
The churches reporting were....Talladega, Friendship,  
Wattsville, Pleasant Grove and Ragland.

#2. Having examined the Proposed Constitution of the Liberty #2 Association, By-laws of the Ministers & Deacons Conference Rule of Decorum and Guide lines for Ordination within the Liberty #2 Association. We the business committee recommend they be presented for vote of approval to the association this day of August 16, 1986.

All committee reports were approved by proper motion and second.

Section #2 (I) Home mission board was granted permission to elect their own Sec-Treas.

Article VIII add to one week before our annual and Quarterly meetings.

Article XIV. Section I. be deleted. These are to be added to or deleted from the constitution, Decorum, Guidelines of rules of Liberty No. 2 Association.

Article of the By-laws of the Ministers and Deacons Conference be added "to elect clerk & assistant every 2 years on the even years.

Article 7 of the Rules of Decorum be changed to read (IO) ten minutes.

No. 8 of the Guidelines for Ordination be changed to read ordinance of the Gospel.

Home Mission Treas. Report	
In Treasure, Aug. 1, 1985	\$1590.18
Received in this period to Aug. 1986	60.00
Total	\$1650.18

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Paid-in:	Clerk-Tres. report:	
Bal. budget forward	Aug. 15, 1985	791.07
Ent. fee from churches		450.00
Minutes		65.00
from Wattsville for missions (local)		60.00
from Ministers & Deacons		48.00
offerings for Children's Home		114.00
from the Clerk		30.00
		<hr/> 767.00 1558.07

Paid-out:	
Trustee to Children's Home	66.00
Clerk & assistant	60.00
Children's Home	114.00
State Association (Delegates)	100.00
Minutes (Interface Inc.)	234.00
letter forms (Randall Publications)	9.60
Rick Patterson (minutes)	18.50
	<hr/> 602.10 Bal 955.97

### CHURCH LETTERS:

Talladega Pastor, Rev. Roger Gunter; Sis. Unice Davis, Clerk Rt. 1 Box 249, Talladega, Al. 35160  
Membership Information: Baptism 26, members added 21, lost 2. Total membership 85. Deceased 3. Total offerings \$13,962.62. Value of church property, \$20,000. Number of ordained ministers, 4. Licensed 0. Ordained deacons, 2. S.S. enrollment 74; Average attendance 75. Delegates....Sis. Patsy Jones; Sis. Della Jones, Sis. Katherine Dinaso and Sis. Nettie Goodwin (alt). Representation fee \$25.00.

Wattsville: Pastor, Rev. Ricky Patterson; Sis. Sherrill Ramsey, Clerk. P.O. Box 63 Wattsville, Al. 35182.  
Membership Information: Baptism: 2, new members 3. Members lost 1, Bro. Arthur Ritch. Total membership, 145. Total offerings, \$24,710.85. Value of church property \$150,000. Number of ordained ministers 2.



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Licensed 2. Ordained deacons 4. S.S. enrollment, 97. Average attendance 90. Church training service enrollment, 30. Average attendance 30. Delegates.... Bro. Danny Hallman, Bro. David Lowery, Sis. Martha Lowery, Sis. Faye Wilson, Bro. Curtis Jones (alt.) Rep. fee \$25.00 Minutes \$25.00

Pleasant Grove: Rev. Mike Williamson, Pastor. Sis. Billie Branham, clerk. Rt. I, Box 188 A3, Ashville, Al. 35953. Membership Information: Total membership, 29. Offerings (3 mo.) \$1822.43. S.S. enrollment, 29. Average attendance 25. Delegates.... Sis. Erva Varney, Sis. Billie Branham. Rep. fee \$25.00

Ragland: Rev. Larry Morgan, Pastor. Sis. Bertha F. Higginbotham, Clerk. Rt. I, Box 42, Ragland, Al. 35131. Total membership, 59. Total offerings \$8,507.51. Value of church property \$23,000. Ordained ministers 2. Deacons 2. Sunday School-yes. Average attendance 20. Delegates.... Sis. Brenda Morgan, Sis. Bertha Higginbotham. Rep. fee \$25.00. Minutes \$20.00

Friendship: Pastor, Rev. Arthur Renfro. Bro. Frank Simpkins, Clerk. 3117 Comer Ave. Pell City, Al. 35125. Baptisms, 1. Members added, 2. Members lost 2. Total membership 136. Total offerings \$43,668.41. Value of church property including parsonage, \$350,000. Ordained ministers 4. Ordained deacons 7. S.S. enrollment 120. Average attendance 85. Delegates.... Bro. Huey Lee Owens, Bro. Johnie Wiggins, Sis. Suzette Cain, Sis. Susie Pardue. Rep. fee \$25.00 Minutes \$10.00

Motion & second carried to elect clerk for the association and assistant. Bro. Frank Simpkins elected clerk. Bro. Danny Hallman elected assistant.

Delegates to State Association: Pastors of churches are to send the names of the delegates they select.

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Talladega.... Sis. Katherine Dinaso  
Friendship....  
Wattsville....  
Ragland....  
Pleasant Grove....

The Attendance Banner went to the Wattsville Church. Offering received for the Children's Home amounted to \$ 31.15.

Rev. Arthur Renfro was to bring the message. Due to limited time, he spoke for a few minutes. There was some good remarks we ought to pay heed to.

Motion & second carried to read the minutes. M&S carried to accept minutes as read with any correction needed.

Next sessions will be held with Friendship Church. Minister'and Deacons Conference, Friday night, Nov. 14, 1986. Quarterly conference, Nov. 15, 1986.

### MINISTERS & DEACON'S CONFERENCE

The Ministers & Deacon's conference met at the campground Friday night, Aug. 15, 1986, 7PM. Singing led by Bro. Frank Simpkins with Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. The Moderator, Rev. Ricky Patterson, took charge, reading the scripture Ps. 138. Rev. Roger Gunter led in prayer. While singing "Hand in Hand with Jesus", there was an opportunity for members in- to the body with no response.

### THE ROLL CALL

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### BUSINESS

I. Motion & second carried to elect a speaker for August, 1987 session. Rev. J.T.Windsor elected and Rev. Roger Gunter elected alternate.

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2. The moderator read the By-laws of the ministers conference also the guide lines for ordination. M.S. to receive this as information.

Then a song was led by Bro. Frank Simpkins. Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Then we went into election of officers for the coming year.

Rev. Arthur Renfro was elected moderator. Rev Ricky Patterson was elected assistant moderator.

Bro. Frank Simpkins elected Clerk. Rev. Paul Davis elected assistant clerk.

M & S carried for conference stay open until the close of the annual session tomorrow.

Rev. Larry Morgan brought the evening message. Scripture used, Matt. 25:1-13 and Matt. 24:36-38, "One day we are going to stand before God"

Next conference will be held at Friendship Church, Friday night, Nov. 14, 1986 at 7PM and Saturday morning, Nov. 15, 1986 at 9am.

### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I. NAME - This Association shall be known as The Liberty #2 Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS - The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, and an assistant, a clerk and a treasurer and an assistant. The offices of clerk and treasurer may be combined. This Association shall elect the moderator and assistant at the close of the annual session, and he shall serve two (2) years for both the Quarterly and Annual sessions. This election will come on the odd year. The clerk-treasurer and assistant shall be elected at the close of the annual session and he shall serve two (2) years. The election will come on the even year. They each



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shall take office on the first Quarterly session.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP - This Association shall be composed of churches in good standing according to the Faith and Practices of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the articles of constitution and all rules of same.

Section I. Churches desiring membership in this Association shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter. If the church (es) upon examination by the Credentials-Examining Committee are found to be in order and properly organized as specified in the Treatise, they shall by vote of this body be received into full fellowship.

Section 2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINISTERS INTO THE ASSOCIATION. No minister shall hold any office or have the right to vote until one of the following applies:

a. Ministers coming from another association of Free Will Baptists must bring a written recommendation from the association from which he comes in good standing and thne be questioned by the Examining Committee. The Examining Committee will then make their recommendation to the body for vote.

b. Ministers coming from an independent church or another denomination must first unite with one of the churches of this Association for not less than one (I) year. Then be examined by the Credentials-Examining Committee according to the Holy Scriptures and the Faith and Practices of the Treatise of the Free Will Baptists. This committee will then make their recommendation for a vote of the delegation.

ARTICLE IV. REPRESENTATION - Each church is expected to be represented at the quarterly and annual associational sessions.

Section I. Each church shall be represented at the

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quarterly and annual associational sessions by delegation. Each church being entitled to one (I) delegate plus one (I) per every twenty-five(25) members or major fraction there of.

Section 2. Ordained ministers and deacons and licensed ministers are standing delegates. All standing delegates are encouraged to attend at least three (3) sessions a year, including the annual associational session.

Section 3. Each church shall pay an entrance fee of \$25.00 for each session and encouraged to continue to contribute toward the printing of the minutes.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS - The quarterly meetings of churches shall meet on the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in November, February, and May. Any business of these meetings are subject to approval of the annual session of The Liberty #2 Association which meets the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August.

Section I. Roberts Rules Of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions and parlimentary usages.

ARTICLE VI. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS - The moderator shall be paid \$10.00 for the annual session. The clerk shall be paid \$30.00 each session and .35¢ per mile for business expenses other than coming to quarterly and annual sessions. The treasurer shall pay for the normal expenses incurred, such as; the printing of the minutes and .20¢ per mile shall be paid to the trustee to and from The Children's Home. All other disbursements must be by vote and approval of the Association.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES - The moderator shall appoint all temporary committees and appoint a nominating committee to make nominations to fill vacancies on all standing committees and councils. The nominating committee shall consist of three (3) members. Any other



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nominations may come from the floor of delegates.

Section I. Temporary committees only function during the session appointed. The first five (5) committees shall be composed of three (3) members each, and the remainder as specified. (1) Devotional (2) Temperance-Resolution (3) Literature and Sunday School (4) Education-Family Religion (5) Deceased Committee (6) Ministerial Committee consisting of three (3) ordained men in good standing with the Association (7) Business and Auditing Committee consisting of five (5) men of the Association.

Section 2. Standing committees are; (1) Home mission Board - There shall be a Home Mission Board consisting of five (5) members elected to terms; one for five (5) years, one for four (4) years, one for three (3) years, one for two (2) years, and one for one (1) year. The duties are a. To promote mission work in this Association. b. To coordinate the needs of our missionaries (Home and Foreign) to each of our churches in this Association. To plan, organize and supervise mission work (Retreats, Conferneces, and etc) in the Association. They will elect own Sec.-Treas. from the Board.

(2) Organizing Committee- There shall be a Organizing Committee consisting of five (5) ordained men elected to terms of one for five (5) years, one for four (4) years, one for three (3) years, one for two (2) years, and one for one (1) year. The duties are: a. To organize churches within the Association, or to act as an advisory council to advise any organizing church to follow The National Free Will Baptist Treatise, chapter one (I) section three(3), (1980 edition), of practices of F.W.B.

(3). Ordaining & Credentials Committee of the Ministry. There shall be an Ordaining & Credentials Committee consisting of five (5) ordained men elected to terms of one for five (5) years, one for four (4) years, one for thre (3) years, one for two (2) years, and one for one (1) year.

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The Duties are: a. To question candidates for licenses and ordination. b. To license and ordain approved candidates. c. To check on any minister who is in question of character or standing. d. To have the authority to request the credentials of the individual in question.

(4). Executive Committee - There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk of the Association, and two (2) men elected by the Association for terms of one (1) year each. The duties are: a. To act as the Association when the Association is not in session.

ARTICLE VIII. REPORTS - Each church is requested to send Quarterly and Annual reports of progress on forms furnished by the Association one week before meetings.

ARTICLE IX. CHURCH ORGANIZATION - There shall be no church organized without seven (7) charter members.

ARTICLE X. CERTIFICATE OF STANDING.

Section I. Each minister, ordained or licensed shall report in person or by letter to the Annual Session of The Association to receive a certificate of standing.

Section 2. Churches of this Association desiring certificates of standing for thier deacons, must make the request known inthe annual report, giving the name of each deacon which is in good standing.

ARTICLE XI. ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Section I. Licensed ministers must bear licenses for one (1) year, and then be called to a specific work before being eligible for ordination. Licenses must be renewed each year by the request of residing church.

ARTICLE XII. THE MINISTER'S & DEACON'S CONFERENCE.

Section I. Each minister ordained or licensed of churches of this Association is expected to affiliate with The Minister's & Deacon's Conference.



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Section 2. This Association recommends that each deacon join and support The Minister's & Deacon's Conference.

### ARTICLE XIII. RESTRICTION OF MINISTERS.

Section I. A minister in this Association is not to perform a marriage ceremony if a man or a woman has another living husband or wife.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS - This Constitution and these By-Laws shall not be changes or altered except and only by a two-thirds vote of delegates present from member churches of the annual session of the Association.

#### BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION

1. This Conference shall elect a moderator and assistant moderator each year at the August session and he must have attended at least one (1) conference before being elected. Clerk & assistant also be elected.
2. This Conference shall meet four (4) times a year, Friday night before each session.
3. Any minister or deacon, being a member of any church of the Liberty #2 Association will be given opportunity to join this Conference.
4. Any minister or deacon not belonging to this Conference will be recognized as a minister or deacon, but will not have a right to vote.
5. Each minister and deacon shall pay a \$1.00 fee to the clerk of the Minister's & Deacon's Conference for expenses.
6. Every minister is required to fill out an annual ministers report provided by the clerk of the Minister & Deacon's Conference to be turned in to the clerk of

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The Liberty #2 Association at the annual session.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1. When the quarterly and annual sessions convene, they shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.
3. Each person speaking shall not be interrupted in speech until he gets through, (exception, if he breaks order)
4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no way cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.
5. No person shall speak more than two (2) times on the same subject without permission of the moderator.
6. Members shall address each other by brother or brethren, or sisters.
7. No member shall speak longer than ten (10) minutes at any one time without permission of the moderator.
8. No member of this Association shall absent themselves from the meetings without leave of the moderator.



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### GUIDE LINES FOR ORDINATION WITHIN THE LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION

- I. This Association ordains no man that has more than one (I) living wife, nor a man whose wife has more than one (I) living husband.
2. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe fully The Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
3. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe in the verbal inspiration of The Word of God
4. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe and practice tithing to their church.
5. This Association ordains no one with a bad character with them that are without.
6. This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with The World Council of Churches.
7. This Association will not ordain, or license a woman to preach the Gospel or deacon churches.
8. This Association will not ordain anyone that does not believe and practice the ordinances of the Gospel:  
A. Baptism by Immersion B. Communion C. Feet washing.
9. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe a person can apostatize and be lost.
10. This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with the charismatic movement.
- II. Every candidate for ordination must answer question form submitted by The Ordaining-Examining Committee and given back to Committee complete for review thirty (30) days before meeting with the candidate to be questioned for ordination.

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### FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

- I. THE BIBLE: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are infallible rules of faith and practice. I Tim. 3:16.
2. GOD: There is one living and true God. Revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the Universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey, I Cor. 8:6, Matt. 28:19.
3. CHRIST: Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord., St. John 1:1-12.
4. THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Re-prover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men. St. John 16:7-8, Acts 2:4, Eph. 4:46.
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 in-



carnation, 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 unre-served 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 of 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 persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. St. John 15:15; 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 ministers 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-II.

15. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT 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.

#### 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 appearances to 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~~  
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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, 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 knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the seembling 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 Conf)

- I. 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
8. Acknowledgements
9. Committee Reports
10. New Business
- II. Adjournment

## XXIII

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 in November, February, May of each year at 9:00 am.

Ministers and Deacons meet at 7:00pm on Fridays at Annual Session and also on Friday of the Quarterly sessions at 7 pm.

### ORGANIZATION OF LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

The Liberty No. 2 Association was organized on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1934.

The Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Pell City, Al. met with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Ashville, Al. and organized the Liberty No. 2 Association.

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

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