

# **MINUTES**

**of the**

**Liberty No. 2 Association**

**of The**

**Original Free Will Baptist**

**1992 - 1993**

**CONVENED AT**

**Ragland F. W. B. Church**

**Ragland, Alabama**

**61st Annual Session**

**August 13 - 14, 1993**

# First Quarterly Session of The 61st Annual Session November 14, 1992

The First Quarterly Session of the 61st Annual Session met at Talladega Freewill Baptist Church, on November 14, 1992.

Meeting called to order by the clerk. Prayer led by Rev. Cleo Elders.

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from II Peter 3: 9-13.

Delegates names called, M.S.C. to seat delegates.

Committees Appointed:

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Author Renfro  
Rev. Gary Bevans  
Rev. Paul Davis  
Dea. J. B. Chambliss  
Dea. L. D. Jones

## DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Dea. Arlie Mitchell, Jr.  
Bro. Henry Barber  
Sis. Teressa Morgan  
Sis. Lois Harbin  
Sis. Brenda Morgan

Asst. Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan asked that we be dismissed for recess so the committees could meet.

Rev. Author Renfro dismissed with prayer.

## Committee Reports

### Devotional Committee:

We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Vint Arnold to speak at our next session and Rev. Author Renfro to be the alternate. M.S.C.

### Business Committee:

(1) We the business committee have examined the church letters and find them in order with four churches reporting. M.S.C.



(2) Recommend that the Home Mission Board's request be granted an extension of time on getting their books in order, and that they report back to the next quarterly meeting. M.S.C.

Rev. Eugene Howard was the guest speaker, reading from Romans, 1:14-16.

A love offering was received for Rev. Eugene Howard.

Bro. Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan made comments concerning Item #6 of the By-Laws of Ministers & Deacons Conference and this to be discussed at the next meeting.

M.S.C. to accept minutes as read.

## Second Quarterly Session February 20, 1993

Moderator: Rev. Larry Morgan  
Clerk: Bro. Danny Hallman  
Four Churches Reporting

The Second Quarterly Session of the 61st Annual Session met at Wattsville Freewill Baptist Church on February 20, 1993.

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.

The Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan, read scriptures from Acts 5:27-39.

Prayer led by Rev. Gary Bevans. Names of delegates called. M.S.C. to seat delegates.

## Appointment of Committees

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Author Renfro  
Rev. Gary Bevans  
Rev. A.D. Lynn  
Dea. J. B. Chambliss  
Dea. Jessie Morgan

### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Dea. Teddy Cain  
Bro. Billy Harbin  
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.  
Sis. Teressa Morgan  
Sis. Della Jones

Bro. Moderator asked that we be dismissed for recess so the

committees could meet.

Rev. Paul Davis dismissed with prayer.

## Committee Reports

### Devotional Committee:

We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Danny Hallman be the speaker at the May session with Bro. A. D. Lynn as the alternate. M.S.C.

### Business Committee:

1. We have examined the church letters and find them in order. Recommend that they be accepted, with four churches reporting. M.S.C.

2. We recommend that the request of the Wattsville Church be granted and that Bro. Vint Arnold's License be renewed for one year. M.S.C.

3. We examined the books of the Home Mission Board and find them in order. We recommended that they be accepted. M.S.C.

4. We recommended that the churches' dues to the Quarterly Meeting be raised to the amount of \$50.00. Due to the State Meeting raising the dues to the State, and that Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution to read \$50.00 instead of \$25.00 and that whenever the State raises their dues, we automatically raise our dues to the Quarterly Meeting. M.S.C.

5. We recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks and appreciation to Rev. Larry Morgan for his faithful service as Moderator and wish him the best at his new church in Adamsville.

6 We recommend that the Executive Committee approach the officials of the Pleasant Grove Church concerning their standing in the Association. M.S.C.

Item #4 was placed upon the table until after the eleven o'clock preaching hour. M.S.C.

Bro. Vint Arnold was the speaker reading Scripture from Acts 16: 16-34. Title of message: "Making the Best of a Bad Situation".

Bro. Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan asked that a move be made to remove the item of business from the table and dispose of it. Item # 4 M.S.C.



## Third Quarterly Session May 15, 1993

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Author Renfro  
Clerk: Rev. Danny Hallman  
Four Churches Reporting

The Third Quarterly Session of the 61st Annual Session of Freewill Baptist met at Friendship Freewill Baptist Church on May 15, 1993.

Meeting called to order by the clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.

Assistant Moderator Rev. Author Renfro read Scriptures from Luke 16: 1-13.

Names of delegates called. M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

### Appointment of Committees

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Gary Bevans  
Rev. A. D. Lynn  
Dea. L. D. Jones  
Rev. Vint Arnold  
Dea. Jerome Wyatt

#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Milford Guy  
Sis. Pam Hallman  
Sis. Teressa Morgan  
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

Assistant Moderator Rev. Author Renfro asked that we dismiss so the committees could meet.

Bro. Larry Morgan dismissed with prayer.

### Committee Reports

#### Devotional Committee:

We the Devotional Committee recommend for the next quarterly session, Rev. Gary Bevans to be the speaker with Rev. Author Renfro as the alternate. M.S.C.

#### Business Committee:

(1) We the Business Committee have examined the letters from the churches and find them in order and recommend they be accepted. M.S.C.

(2) We recommend that the Executive Committee contact the Pleasant Grove Church in writing, requesting a meeting, and that a response to this letter should be made within 30 days. If no response to this letter is received within 30 days after the letter is sent, and no meeting has occurred prior to the Annual Meeting, we recommend that we as an Association withdraw fellowship from the Pleasant Grove Church. M.S.C.

(3) After carefully reviewing the Home Mission Board's books, we find them in order and recommend that they be accepted. M.S.C.

(4) We recommend that the Ordained Body of the Liberty #2 Association meet with the Executive Board of the Youth Camp at the Annual Session and in an effort to promote unity within the Association, decide what is best for the Association to do with the Youth Camp. M.S.C.

Rev. Danny Hallman was the speaker reading from Amos 8: 9-12, Title of message: "The Greatest of all Famine".

M.S.C. to accept minutes as read.

## Fourth Quarterly Session of the 61st Annual Session August 14, 1993

The fourth quarterly session of the 61st Annual Session of Liberty No. 2 Association of Freewill Baptist met at Ragland Freewill Baptist Church on August 14, 1993.

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Author Renfro  
Clerk: Rev. Danny Hallman  
Four Churches Reporting

Meeting called to order by the clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.

Assistant. Moderator Rev. Author Renfro read Scriptures from I Kings 19: 1-7. Prayer led by Rev. Authur Renfro.



Delegates names called. M.S.C. to seat delegates

### Appointment of Committees:

#### Nominating Committee:

Rev. Gary Bevans  
Dea. L. D. Jones  
Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham

#### Devotional Committee:

Sis. Patsy Jones  
Sis. Lorine Higginbotham  
Sis. Shirley Lynn

#### Business Committee:

Rev. A. D. Lynn  
Dea. Arlie Mitchell Jr.  
Dea. L. D. Jones  
Rev. Gary Bevans

#### Deceased Committee:

Sis. Lois Eangle  
Sis. Emma Bunn  
Sis. Katherin Dinasso

#### Literature & Sunday School:

Sis. Lois Harbin  
Bro. Steve Gallups  
Sis. Louise McLemore

#### Ministerial Standing:

Rev. Paul Davis  
Rev. Vint Arnold  
Dea. Teddie Cain  
Bro. Henry Barber

#### Education & Family Religion:

Sis. Pam Hallman  
Sis. Judy Oliver  
Sis. Nettie Goodwin

#### Temperance & Resolution:

Sis. Annett Smith  
Sis. Suzette Cain  
Sis. Mary Jo Barber  
Sis. Launia Gallups

Assistant Moderator Rev. Author Renfro asked that the item of business recommended by the Ministers and Deacons Conference under "Guidelines for Ordination" section II be read by the clerk. Bro. Moderator asked for a motion to bring this item to the floor. M.S.C.

Item of business read by the clerk. Assistant Moderator Rev. Author Renfro asked for a motion that this item be placed on the table until after recess. M.S.C.

### Committee Reports

#### Devotional Committee:

We the Devotional Committee, recommend Rev. Curtis Fuller to be the speaker with Rev. Authur Renfro as the alternate. M.S.C.

#### Deceased Committee:

We the Deceased Committee submit unto you these names that have departed in the past year. Talladega Church - Bro. Jack Goodwin, Bro. Howard Smith, Bro. Gene Vessie, Sis. Grace Thorton. Wattsville Church - Bro. Claude Campbell. Friendship Church - Bro. Johnny Wiggins, Sis. Myrtie Foster. Ragland Church - Jennifer White. M.S.C.

Bro. Moderator asked that we stand in a moment of silent prayer for those who have passed away.

#### Education & Family Religion:

We the Education and Family Religion Committee recommend that a good example be set in our homes, such as: family devotions, prayer, grace before meals, etc. We also recommend study of the Scripture using the King James Version. We should not allow false doctrines to be taught to our young children. M.S.C.

#### Ministerial Standing Committee:

(1) We the Ministerial Standing Committee recommend that certificates be issued according to Article X, Section I "Certificate of Standing." Each minister, ordained or licensed shall report in person or by personal letter explaining reason or reasons for not being able to attend the Annual Session of the Association to receive a Certificate of Standing. M.S.C.

(2) We also recommend that Rev. Curtis Fuller be examined by the Examining Committee after reception of his written recommendation from the church from which he was formerly associated with. M.S.C.

#### Business Committee:

We the Business Committee find the letters from the churches of the Liberty # 2 Association in order with the following additions.

(1) The pastor's salary report from Friendship Church is in error.  
(2) Rev. Ollie Dean Simpkins requested that his yearly license be sent to him because of his work load being so heavy he is unable to attend. (His request was made by letter.) M.S.C.

(3) The Ragland Freewill Baptist Church requested that Rev. Curtis Fuller be questioned and given a license from the Liberty #2



Association. We the Business Committee recommend that he be referred to the Ordaining Council. M.S.C.

(4) We find upon examination of the Association Clerk's book to be in order. M.S.C.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

We the Nominating Committee recommend and do nominate the following names for the positions so designated:

- (1) Moderator - Rev. Gary Bevans - M.S.C.
- (2) Asst. Moderator - Rev. Author Renfro - M.S.C.
- (3) Asst. Clerk - Rev. Paul Davis - M.S.C.
- (4) Ordaining Council - Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr. 1998, Author Renfro, 1995. M.S.C.
- (5) Organizing Council - Dea. Jerome Wyatt 1998, Dea. Jessie Morgan, 1997, M.S.C.
- (6) Home Missions - Rev. Paul Davis, 1998; Dea. Teddy Cain, 1994. M.S.C.
- (7) Children's Home Trustee - Rev. Danny Hallman M.S. C. (This report must be accepted at the State Association Meeting.)
- (8) Executive Committee - Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr.; Rev. Paul Davis. M.S.C.

#### **Temperance & Resolution:**

We the Temperance & Resolution Committee believe the Bible as the Word of God, and believe we should try daily to live according to its teachings. We should abstain from all worldly pleasures, alcoholic beverages, and drugs. We should try to teach our children the fundamental Christian life and plant it in their hearts while they are young. We should stand against the attack that the world and Satan are making on us through rock music, pornographic literature and movies. We should do all we can to oppose those who are against Christianity. We resolve that we will take a stand for God and Godly ways. M.S.C.

#### **Literature & Sunday School:**

We the Literature & Sunday School Committee wish to retain the same as was written in the last minutes. M.S.C.

Asst. Moderator Rev. Author Renfro asked that the item of business to be removed from the table. He asked the clerk to please

read again the item "Guidelines for Ordination" (Section II) This item was changed to read as follows - Every candidate for ordination must answer questions submitted by the Ordaining / Examining Committee. M.S.C.

Rev. Gary Bevans was the speaker.

Amount taken in for the Children's Home, \$48.49.

Ordaining Council: We the Ordaining Council recommend to the Liberty #2 Association that Rev. Curtis Fuller be set aside for one year under the watch care of the Association and then report back at the Annual Meeting for his credentials. He does not have a letter coming from another church or association. M.S.C.

M.S.C. to accept minutes as read.

### **Ministers and Deacons Conference Friday night, August 13, 1993**

Ministers and Deacons Conference met at Ragland Freewill Baptist Church on Friday night, August 13, 1993 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. Author Renfro. Singing on page 26, "When I See The Blood."

1. Meeting was called to order by Clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.
2. Opportunity for membership (one)  
A song was selected and we gave Bro. Curtis the right hand of fellowship and accepted his membership pending his forthcoming letter.
3. Reading from previous minutes (M.S.C.)
4. Unfinished Business (none)
5. Appointment of Committees - (none)
6. New Business: (A) Moderator - Rev. Paul Davis, Asst. Moderator - Rev. Vint Arnold. (B) Clerk - Rev. Danny Hallman, Asst. Clerk, Rev. Gary Bevans. All these were nominated and M.S.C. (C) By-laws of the Ministers and Deacons Conference item #6 to be



deleted. This item was tabled until August 14, 1993, at the Annual Session. M.S.C. (D) Guidelines for Ordination - Recommendation to the Quarterly Session from the ministers & Deacons Conference that item # 11 be deleted. This item will need to be tabled until after recess for its disposal. M.S.C. (E) The question and discussion was made about making Rev. Mike Williamson an honorary member of this Association. After much debate it was decided that this body does not have the power or guidelines to enforce such action now or hereafter. (F) Nomination for speaker for Ministers and Deacons Conference in August 1994, Rev. Ollie Dean Simpkins M.S.C.; Alternate speaker Rev. Author Renfro, M.S.C.

Asst. Moderator Rev. Vint Arnold read Scriptures from I Peter 5:8-10.

Bro. Gary Bevans sang a special.

Rev. Vint Arnold was the speaker reading Scriptures from Exodus 14: 10-16.

Bro. Calvin Barber dismissed with prayer.

## **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 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 II. 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 then 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 (1) 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 quarterly and annual associational session by delegation. Each church being entitled to ten delegates.

**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 \$50.00 for each session and encouraged to contribute toward the printing of the minutes. Whenever the state raises their dues, we automatically raise ours to meet the necessary fees.

**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 Rule of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions and parliamentary 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 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 (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, Conferences, 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 (1) 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 three (3) years, one for two (2) years, and one for one (1) year.

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 credential of the individual in question.

(4). Executive Committee - There shall be and 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 1. 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 their deacons, must make the request known in the 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 call 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 the



Association is expected to affiliate with The Minister's & Deacon's Conference.

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 woman has another living husband or wife.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS - This Constitution and these By-Laws shall not be change 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 are 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.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1. When the quarterly and annual session convene, they shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at one 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 that 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.

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

1. This Association ordains no man that has more than one (1) living wife, nor a man whose wife has more than one (1) 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.

## 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. 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, adhere 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 Saviour 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. 4:46.

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 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 comittal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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 self controlled, 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 of 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 perpetuate 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 20:8-11.

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 intoxication 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, 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 Saviour 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.

## ORGANIZATION OF LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

The Liberty # 2 Association was organized on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in September, 1934.

The Mount 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.

### 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
8. Acknowledgements
9. 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 in November, February, and May of each year at 9:00 am.

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