

MINUTES

of the

Liberty No.2 Association

of the

**Original Free Will Baptist
1997-1998**

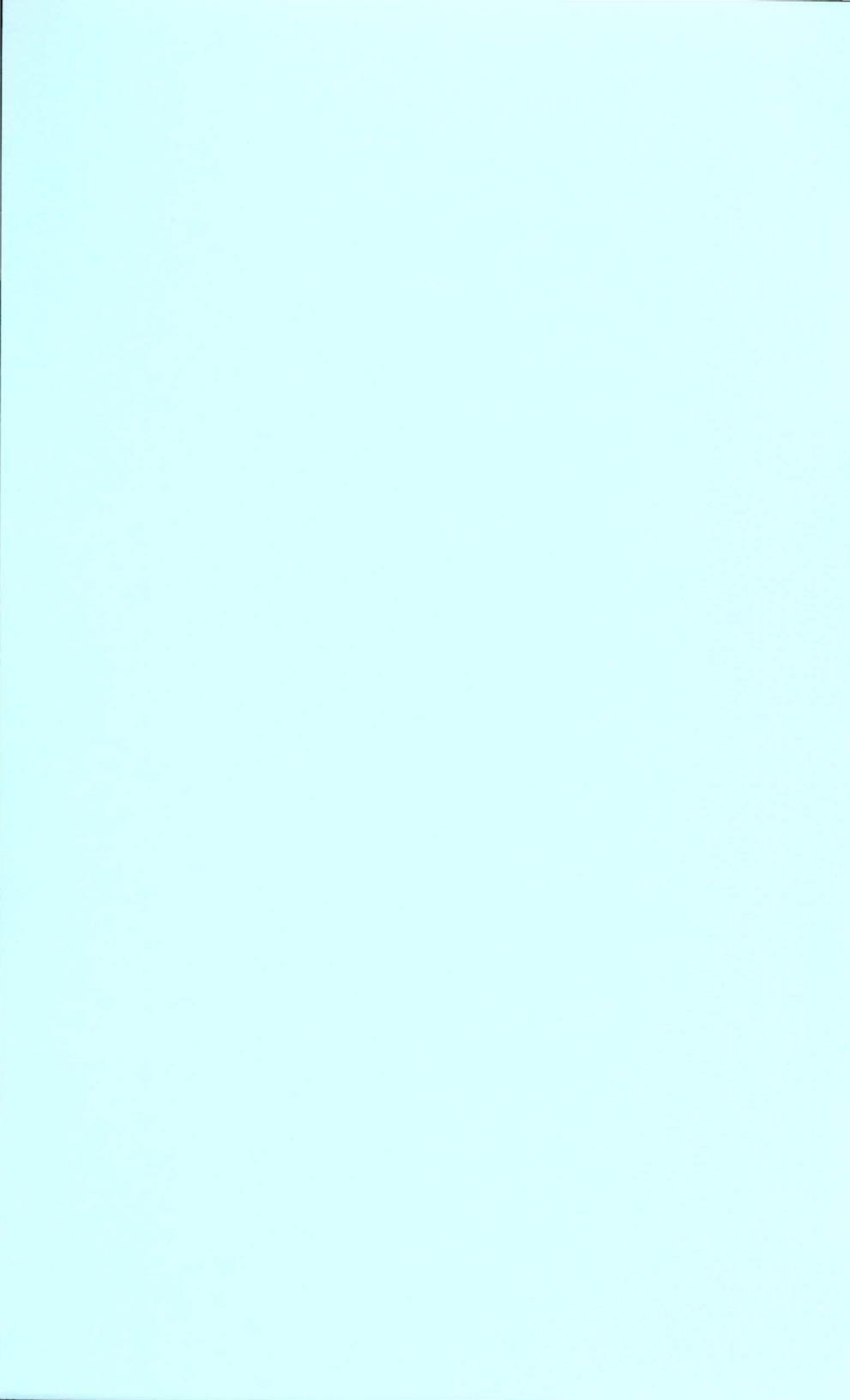
CONVENED AT

Talladega F.W.B. Church

Talladega, Alabama

66th Annual Session

August 14-15, 1998



First Quarterly Session of the 66th Annual Session November 15, 1997

The 1st Quarterly Session of the 66th Annual Session of the Liberty No.2 Association met at Talladega First Freewill Baptist Church on November 15, 1997.

Meeting was open with singing page 702 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Brother Billy Earl Higginbotham led in prayer.

Singing page 473 " Just A Little Closer Walk With Thee"

Singing page 434 " I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Meeting Called To order by the Clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from I Cor. 13: 1-3

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan called the names of the Delegates. M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham
Dea. L.D. Jones
Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Ray Fletcher
Rev. Paul Davis
Rev. Larry Morgan

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham
Dea. L.D. Jones
Bro. Thomas Chapman
Rev. Ray Fletcher

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Carl Higginbotham
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Bro. Milford Guy
Sis. Gwen Hudgins
Sis. Tempie Gwin

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan asked that we be dismissed for recess so the committees can meet.

Bro. L.D. Jones dismissed in prayer.

Singing page 411 " O How I Love Jesus "

Singing page 568 " Where Could I Go "

Bro. Moderator spoke as a possibility of a interest that each host Church present a program at the time of the quarterly sessions.

Many questions and comments were made.

Committee Reports

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional Committee recommend that Rev. Danny Hallman be the speaker at the next quarterly conference with Rev. Larry Morgan as the alternate.
M.S.C.

Business Committee:

1.) We the business committee have examined the Church letters and find them in order and recommend that they be accepted by the body of Liberty No.2 Association.

2.) We have one item of business, the Talladega Church has requested that Brother Ronnie Smith meet with the ordaining council for possible licensing to preach for one year. M.S.C.

Bro. Moderator asked that the ordaining Council meet with Brother Ronnie Smith for possibility for licensing.

Bro. Moderator ask the body for the feasibility of a program to be presented at the time the committee meet. Bro. Ray Fletcher made a motion that this item be presented to the body as an item of business, second by Bro. Danny Hallman, after added discussion and questions it was made a motion by Bro. Ray Fletcher, second by Bro. Arlie Mitchell Jr. and Carried by the body that this be added to our Quarterly Conference by a volunteer basis of the Host Church.

Attendance Banner:

Ragland - 2
Talladega - 29
Wattsville - 8
Friendship - 17

Offering Received for the F.W.B. Children's Home \$47.45. Singing page 22 " God Is So Good "

Bro. Moderator asked that we all join in an alter of prayer. After prayer request were made Bro. Danny Hallman led in prayer.

Special singing by several people in the association.

Rev. Ray Fletcher was the speaker reading from Haggai 2: 1-9.

Report of the Ordaining Council. We the ordaining council recommend that Bro. Ronnie Smith be licensed to preach for one year.

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Friday Night November 14, 1997

Ministers and Deacon Conference met at Talladega Freewill Baptist Church on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

The 1st quarterly session of the 66th Annual Session Liberty No. 2 Association.

Meeting was open with singing page 317 " Victory In Jesus " with Sis. Brenda Morgan playing the piano.

Prayer led by Bro. James Barber.

Singing page 680 " That Glad Reunion Day "

1.) Meeting called to order by the Clerk Rev. Danny Hallman.

2.) Opportunity for membership. (none)

3.) Reading of Previous Minutes. M.S.C.

4.) Unfinished Business. (none)

5.) Appointment of Committees. (none)

6.) Committee Reports. (none)

Bro. Moderator provided information on the Acts 1:8 program that was adopted by the Ala. State Association in support of Foreign Missions.

7.) Acknowledgments. (none)

8.) New Business.

Nomination for speaker for February session. Rev. Danny Hallman with Rev. Paul Davis as alternate.

Singing page 230 " Amazing Grace "

Singing page 173 " In the Shadow of the Cross "

Bro. Moderator ask for prayer request before coming to the altar.

Bro. Paul Davis led in prayer.

Rev. Ray Fletcher was the speaker reading from Joel 3: 9-13 and Romans 13: 11

Second Quarterly Session

The second quarterly session of the 66th Annual Session of the Liberty No. 2 Association met at Wattsville Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, February 14, 1998.

Meeting was open with singing being led by Sis. Paulette Boyd.

Bro. Ray Fletcher led in prayer. The Clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman called the meeting to order.

The Moderator called Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from II Timothy 2: 15 and 3: 1-5.

Bro. Moderator called the names of the Delegates. M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Ray Fletcher
Dea. L.D. Jones
Bro. Carl Higginbotham
Bro. Joe Hudgins
Bro. Billy Harbin

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Rev. Paul Davis
Bro. Milford Guy
Sis. Lorene Higginbotham
Sis. Fay Wilson
Sis. Sue Otwell

Bro. Moderator ask that we be dismissed for recess so that the committees could meet.

Rev. Paul Davis dismissed with prayer.

Singing page 393 " When We All Get To Heaven "

Attendance Banner:

Wattsville -	38
Talladega -	30
Friendship -	16
Ragland -	1
	<u>3</u>
	88 Total Present

Presentation of program by Wattsville Church. - " Living Water "

Bro. & Sis. Fletcher sang " I Don't Regret A Mile "

Committee Reports

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional committee recommend that Donald Grice preach at the May Quarterly meeting with Bro. Larry Morgan as the alternate.
M.S.C.

Business Committee:

We the business committee have examined the church letters and find them to be in order.
M.S.C.

Bro. Moderator spoke of a possibility of having a Association Revival with the Body agreeing.
M.S.C.

Offering for Children's Home singing page 57 " Amazing Grace." Bro. Guy asked God's blessing on the offering. \$ 43.00

Bro. Moderator read report from the Freewill Baptist Children's Home. Bro. Ray Fletcher also gave and oral report as an update.

Rev. Danny Hallman was the speaker reading from Romans 1: 16. Title of message " Bragging Rights "

Minutes were read with a M.S.C. to accept minutes as read.

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Friday night February 13, 1998

Ministers and Deacons conference met on Friday night February 13, 7:00 at Wattsville Freewill Baptist Church.

The 2nd Quarterly Session of the 66th Annual Session of Liberty No.2 Association.

Meeting was open with singing page 57 " Amazing Grace."

Prayer was led by Bro. Paul Davis. Singing page 305 "The Old Rugged Cross "

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

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from Psalms 62: 1-12

2.) Call for Peace and fellowship.

3.) Opportunity for membership. (one) Rev. Ronnie Smith

4.) Invite Bro. & Sis. to seat with us.

5.) Reading of previous minutes (M.S.C.)

6.) Unfinished Business. (none)

7.) Appointment of committees. (none)

8.) Committee Reports:

Decussion on Acts 1:8 program for Foreign missions.

9.) New Business - Nomination for speaker for May Session Rev. Ronnie Smith with Rev. Paul Davis as alternate.

Bro. Moderator ask for prayer request before coming to the altar.

Prayer led by Bro. Larry Morgan.

Bro. Ronnie Smith was the speaker reading from Exodus 3:1, 6:13-14. Title of message " On Holy Ground."

Third Quarterly Session

The 3rd quarterly session of the 66th Annual Session of the Liberty No.2 Association met at Friendship Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, May 16, 1998.

Meeting was open with singing page 60 "Is That The Old Ship Zion " and page 77 " Redemption Draweth Nigh " with Bro. Teddy Cain leading with Sis. Suzette Cain at the piano.

Bro. Paul Davis led with a word of prayer.

The Clerk Bro. Danny Hallman called the meeting to order.

Bro. Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from I Kings 18: 21.

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan called the names of the Delegates. M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Ray Fletcher
Bro. Almos Foster
Dea. L.D. Jones
Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham
Rev. Curtis Fuller

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Bill Harbin
Sis. Mary Ann Smith
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Erica Hallman
Rev. Ronnie Smith

Bro. Moderator ask that we be dismissed for recess so that the committees could meet.

Bro. Almos Foster dismissed with prayer.

Singing page 219 " This Is Just What Heaven Means To Me "

Presentation of program by Friendship Church.

"The Next Forty Days"

Committee Reports

Devotional Committee:

We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. James Barber to be the speaker at the August session with Rev. Curtis Fuller as the alternate.

M.S.C.

Business Committee:

1.) We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and find them in order and recommend that they are accepted.

M.S.C.

2.) We recommend if it is agreeable with the body that Talladega Church and Ragland Church switch the time of their Quarterly Meeting. Talladega to host the annual meeting in August and Ragland to host in November.

M.S.C.

Attendance Banner:

Wattsville -	19
Talladega -	19
Friendship -	26
Ragland -	3
Total Present	<u>67</u>

Offering for the Children's Home. \$40.46

Sis. Annette Smith sang a special " I am With You Always "

Sis. Nettie Goodwin sang a special. " I Just Came To Talk To You Lord "

Bro. Hubert Owen Sang a Special. " He was There All The Time "

Bro. Ray Fletcher led in Altar prayer.

Bro. Donald Grice was the guest speaker. Reading scriptures Exodus 3: 1-6

Associational Revival will be June 1-5 at Friendship Church it being a central location for all. Each Church will provide the music each night. Monday night- Talladega, Tuesday- Ragland, Wednesday- Friendship, Thursday- Friendship, Friday- Wattsville.

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Rev. Ray Fletcher gave an oral report for the F.W.B. Children's Home. Rev. Levy Corey has resigned as director of the Children's home as of May 30th.

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

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Friday night May 15, 1998

Ministers and Deacons Conference met Friday night May 15, 1998 at 7:00 at Friendship Freewill Baptist Church.

The 3rd Quarterly Session of the 66th Annual Session of the Liberty No. 2 Association.

Meeting was open with singing page 307 "Take It To The Lord In Prayer" Prayer led by Bro. Ray Fletcher. Special singing by Sis. Annette Smith, "I Keep Coming Back To The Well " and "Always"

1.) Meeting called to order by the moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from John 21: 20-22.

2.) Call for Peace and Fellowship.

3.) Opportunity for membership. (none)

4.) Invite Bro. & Sis. to seat with us.

5.) Reading of Previous minutes. (M.S.C.)

6.) Unfinished business (none)

7.) Appointment of Committees (none)

8.) Committee Reports. (none)

Bro. Larry Morgan spoke on the Acts 1:8 program

9.) New Business - Nomination for speaker for August Session Bro. Ray Fletcher with Bro. Curtis Fuller as alternate.

Bro. Moderator ask for prayer request before coming to the altar. Prayer led by Bro. Curtis Fuller.

Rev. Ronnie Smith was the speaker reading from Acts 20: 28, I Peter 1:19-20. Title "A Trail of Blood"

Dismissal prayer - Bro. L.D. Jones.

**Fourth Quarterly Session
of the 66th Annual Session
August 15, 1998.**

The 4th quarterly session or Annual Session of the 66th annual session of the Liberty No.2 Association meeting at Talladega Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday August 15, 1998.

Meeting was open with singing page 568 "Where Could I Go" with Sis. Nettie Goodwin at the piano and Bro. Ray Fletcher leading. Singing page 473 "Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

Bro. Paul Davis led in prayer.

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from I Peter 2:11-21

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

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan called the names of the Delegates. M.S.C. to seat the Delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

Nominating Committee:

Bro. Billy Harbin
Bro. Joe Hudgins
Bro. James Barber

Decreased Committee:

Sis. Faye Hudgins
Sis. Tempie Guin
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

Ministerial Standing:

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. A.D. Lynn
Rev. Paul Davis

Education and Family Religion:

Bro. Carl Higginbotham
Sis. Barbera Alverson
Sis. Nettie Goodwin

Devotional Committee:

Bro. Hubert Owens
Sis. Willie Dean Smith
Sis. Patsy Jones
Bro. Dave Kilgroe
Sis. Tanya Robinson

Literature and Sunday School:

Sis. Mary Ann Smith
Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Sue Otwell

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan ask that we be dismissed for recess so that the committees can meet.

Bro. Hubert Owen dismissed in prayer.

Singing page 317 "Victory In Jesus"

Presentation of the program by Talladega Church "The Champion"

Committee Reports

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional committee recommend the Rev. Barry Long as the speaker for November Session with Larry Morgan as the alternate.
M.S.C.

Ministerial Standing:

We recommend all our ministers be given a certificate of standing and also all deacons be given a certificate of standing. M.S.C.

Education and Family Religion:

We recommend that each family should establish devotion and family prayer time. We recommend that each family teach their children the true way of God with one on one training and leadership. M.S.C.

Literature and Sunday School:

We the Literature and Sunday School committee recommend that we

keep the Sunday School literature and study our Bible also alone with literature.
M.S.C.

Deceased Committee:

We the deceased committee have been informed of the following deceased:

Friendship - Bro. Thomas Chapman
Bro. William Morrow

Ragland - Sis. Bessie Edge

Talladega - Sis. Valsey Spicer
Bro. Arbie (Lucky) Davis

M.S.C.

Business Committees:

1.) We the business committee have examined the Church letters and find them in order.
M.S.C.

2.) We also recommend that we honor the request of Wattsville Church that the Ordaining Council examine and ordain Rev. Barry Long.

M.S.C.

Ordaining Council:

We the ordaining council, have examined Rev. Barry Long and find him qualified and able to preach the Gospel and pastor churches, here by we recommend that he be ordained by this body.
M.S.C.

Attendance Banner:

Talladega -	47
Wattsville -	15
Friendship -	16
Ragland -	2
Total Present	<u>80</u>

Offering received for Children's Home. \$ 23.00

Sis. Anette Smith sang a special " I Am Blessed "

Sis. Nettie Goodwin and Sis. Margaret Goodwin sang a special " He Was There All The Time "

Many testimonies were given we also sang "Amazing Grace "

Bro. James Barber was the Guest speaker reading from Isaiah 30: 8-9.
" How Will You Die? "

After Report from Ordaining Council was given with it recommending that Barry Long be ordained. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan gave the honor to Rev. Danny Hallman who gave the charge to Rev. Barry Long to preach the Gospel.

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

List of Standing Committees:

1.) Organizing Council:

Rev. Curtis Fuller - 1999
Bro. Milford Guy - 2000
Rev. A.D. Lynn - 2001
Rev. Danny Hallman - 2002
Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham - 2003

2.) Executive Committee:

Rev. Paul Davis
Dea. Teddy Cain

3.) Moderator:

Rev. Larry Morgan

4.) Ordaining Council:

Dea. L.D. Jones - 1999
Dea. Teddy Cain - 2000
Dea. Jerome Wyatt - 2001

Dea. Arlie Mitchell, Jr. - 2002
Dea. A.D. Lynn - 2003
Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham - 2004

66th Annual Session

Ministers and Deacons Conference Friday night August 14, 1998. Fourth Quarterly or Annual Session Ministers and Deacon Conference met at Talladega Freewill Baptist Church at 7:00.

Meeting was open with singing page 307 " I Never Shall Forget The Day "

Prayer was led by Bro. Arlie Mitchell, Jr.

Singing page 335 " Love Lifted Me "

- 1.) Meeting called to order by the Clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.
- 2.) Call for Peace and Fellowship.
- 3.) Opportunity for membership (none)
- 4.) Invite visitors to seat with us.
- 5.) Reading Previous Minutes. (M.S.G.)
- 6.) Unfinished Business (none)
- 7.) Appointment of Committee (none)
- 8.) Committee Reports. (none)

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan ask that Bro. & Sis. Fletcher sing a special.

9.) New Business: 1.) Election of Moderator and Asst. Moderator.

Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan; Asst. Moderator, Rev. Paul Davis

2.) Speaker for November Session Rev. James Barber, alt. speaker
Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Bro. Moderator ask for prayer request before coming to the altar. Prayer led by Bro. Danny Hallman.

Bro. Ray Fletcher was the speaker reading scriptures from II Kings 4: 38-40

Bro. Paul Davis 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.

(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 Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to 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 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 P.M. and on Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. 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 Quarterly sessions.



