

MINUTES

of the

Liberty No.2 Association

of the

**Original Free Will Baptist
1998-1999**

CONVENED AT

Talladega F.W.B. Church

Talladega, Alabama

67th Annual Session

August 14-15, 1999

First Quarterly Session of the 67th Annual Session November 14, 1998

The 1st Quarterly Session of the 67th Annual Session of the Liberty No.2 Association met at Ragland Freewill Baptist Church on November 14, 1998.

Meeting was open with singing page 150 "The Dearest Friend I Ever Had."

Prayer led by Rev. Paul Davis.

Singing page 330 "I'll Fly Away" and page 120 "Victory In Jesus."

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

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from Romans 12: 1-21

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

Appointment of Committees

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Dea. Arlie Mitchell

Dea. L.D. Jones

Bro. Curtis Fuller

Rev. Paul Davis

Rev. James Barber

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Dea. Teddy Cain

Sis. Paulette Boyd

Sis. Betty Docker

Bro. Joe Hudgins

Sis. Tonya Robinson

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan asked that we be dismissed for recess so the committees can meet. Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham dismissed in prayer.

Special singing with Sis. Fuller and Sis. Kay, "We've Got So Much To Thank Him For" Special by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, "I Thirst." Bro. Arlie Mitchell and Bro. Curtis Fuller played a special. Bro. Barry Long sang a special, "Where Would I Be Without Jesus." Sis. Nettie Goodwin sang a special, "When I See the lights of That City." Bro. Paul Davis sang a special, "I'm Going Through."

Testimonies given by many.

Committee Reports

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional committee recommend Rev. Larry Morgan as speaker with Rev. Paul Davis as the Alt. M.S.C.

Business Committee:

1.) We the business committee have read the letters from each Church of the Liberty No.2 Association and find them in order. We find no business to be taken of and recommend that the letter be accepted. M.S.C.

Chairman: Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Dea. L.D. Jones
Rev. James Barber
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Paul Davis

2.) P.S. We do recommend that a trustee for the Children's Home be elected today. Trustee elected is Rev. Curtis Fuller M.S.C.

Attendance Banner:

Ragland -	13	
Talladega -	15	
Wattsville -	3	
Friendship -	16	with banner going to Friendship.
	47	Total attendance

Offering received for F.W.B. Children's Home was \$ 34.00

Business brought forth from Ministers and Deacons Conference. #1 speaker for February session, Rev. Paul Davis. Alt. James Barber.

Bro. Moderator asked that we have an alter of prayer before the speaker comes.

Rev. Barry Long was the guest speaker reading from Romans 3:10-24.
Title " Compromising Sin. "

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

Next Session will be at Wattsville Church.

Second Quarterly Session

The second quarterly session of the 67th Annual Session of the Liberty No. 2 Association met at Wattsville Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, February 20, 1999.

Meeting was open with singing page 6, "I Want to Know More About my Lord" with Sis. Paulette Boyd leading and Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Len Blanchard.

Singing page 56. "Grace for every need."

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

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from Jude 1-5.

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

Appointment of Committees:

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Bro. David Lowery

Bro. Carl Higginbotham

Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

Sis. Faye Wilson

Sis. Erica Hallman

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Dea. Arlie Mitchell, Jr.
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Paul Davis
Dea. Teddy Cain
Dea. Daniel Jones

ORDAINING COMMITTEE:

Dea. L.D. Jones
Dea. Teddy Cain
Dea. Arlie Mitchell, Jr.
Council was strengthened by
Rev. Curtis Fuller & Rev. Paul Davis

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan ask that we be dismissed for recess so that the committees can meet. Bro. Billy Earl Higginbothom dismissed with prayer.

Singing page 240 "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder "

Presentation of program from Wattsville Church. Rev. Len Blanchard sang a special. Rev. & Sis. Blanchard sang a special.

Committee Reports

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional committee recommend Rev. Len Blancard be the speaker for the May Session with Rev. Curtis Fuller as the alt.

M.S.C.

Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Erica Hallman
Bro. David Lowery
Sis. Bertha Higginbothom
Bro. Carl Higginbothom

Business Committee:

We the business committee have examined the letters and find them to be in order. We have 2 items of business to bring before the body.

1.) From the Ragland Freewill Baptist Church it is recommended that Bro. Roy Jones go before the ordaining council for examination to get licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

2.) From the Wattsville Freewill Baptist Church it is asked that Rev. Len Blanchard go before the ordaining council to satisfy part (a) of section II of the constitution of the Liberty #2 Association of Freewill Baptist, which states that ministers coming from another association of Freewill Baptist must bring a written recommendation from the association he comes from of Good standing and be questioned by the examing committee.

Chairman: Dea. Arlie Higginbotham
Dea. Daniel Jones
Dea. Teddy Cain
Rev. Paul Davis
Rev. Curtis Fuller

Taking Item by Item each meeting with a M.S.C.

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan ask that these brethren meet the ordaining council at this time.

Rev. Paul Davis dismissed with prayer so that the ordaining council can meet with these brethren.

Sis. Suzette Cain sang a special, "Heaven Sounding Sweeter All the Time"

Bro. Rex Gaither sang a special, "Signs of the Time"

Singing page 120, "Victory in Jesus"

Singing page 40, "I'm Standing On the Solid Rock"

Special sang by Sis. Paulette Boyd, Sis. Mary Ann Smith, Sis. Renne Henderson, "When I've Traveled My Last Mile."

Ordaining Committee:

1.) The ordaining council recommends Rev. Len Blanchard be accepted into Association pending his letter coming from New Mexico.

2.) The ordaining committee council recommends Bro. Roy Jones to be licensed for one year.

Attendance Banner:

Friendship	20	
Talladega	23	
Ragland	10	
Wattsville	25	with Wattsville receiving Banner
	78	
Rev. Vint Arnold visitor	<u>1</u>	
	79	Total

Received offering for Children's Home. \$ 80.50

Rev. Larry Morgan Ask for prayer request before coming to alter. Rev. Vint Arnold led in prayer.

Rev. Larry Morgan was the speaker reading scriptures from John 14: 1-3.

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

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Friday night February 19, 1999

Ministers and Deacons conference met at Wattsville Freewill Baptist Church Friday night February 19, 1999.

The 2nd Quarterly Session of the 67th Annual Session of Liberty No.2 Association.

Meeting was opened with singing page 46, "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian."

Rev. Paul Davis was the speaker, II Chronicles 7:14 and Romans 12: 1-2

Bro. Curtis Fuller dismissed with prayer.

Third Quarterly Session

The 3rd quarterly session of the 67th Annual Session of the Liberty No.2 Association met at Friendship Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, May 15, 1999.

Meeting was open with singing page 159, "Victory in Jesus" with Bro. Teddy Cain leading and Sis. Suzette Cain at the piano.

Bro. Billy Higginbotham led in prayer.

Singing page 128, "I've Never Been This Homesick Before" and page 30, "What a Day That Will Be"

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

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from Matthew 22: 1-14

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Paul Davis
Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Dea. L.D. Jones
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. A.D. Lynn

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham
Bro. Bill Harbin
Sis. Barbara Alverson
Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Faye Hudgins

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan ask that we be dismissed for recess so that the committees can meet. Bro. Carl Higginbotham dismissed with prayer.

Singing page 28, "Follow Me"; page 16, "The Way That He Loves"; page 159, "Victory In Jesus."

Presentation of program from Friendship Baptist Church, "Jesus on the Cross."

Committee Reports

Business Committee:

We the business committee have examined the church letters and find them to be in order. We find no items of business in the church letters.

Chairman: Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Dea. L.D. Jones
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Paul Davis
Rev. A.D. Lynn
M.S.C.

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional committee recommend that Rev. Curtis Fuller as the speaker for August session with Rev. Danny Hallman as the alt.

Bro. Billy Harbin
Bro. Billy Higginbotham
Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Barbara Alverson
Sis. Faye Hudgins
M.S.C.

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan made comments concerning an Association revival. It was motion and second to have a revival. Date June 14-18. Bro. Moderator appointed pastors of each church as the committee.

Attendance Banner:

Wattsville-	27	
Ragland-	10	
Talladega-	18	
Friendship-	30	Friendship winning banner.
	85	Total

Offering for Children's Home \$ 33.74

singing page 177, "Glory Road"

Bro. Larry Morgan ask for prayer request before coming to the alter. Bro. A.D. Lynn led in prayer.

Bro. Teddy Cain sang a special.

Bro. Len Blanchard was the speaker reading scripture from Colossians 1:16-18, Eph. 1:22-23. Pray, Obey & Praise.

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

Ministers and Deacons Conference

The Third Quarterly Session of the 67th Annual Association of Ministers and Deacons Conference met at Friendship Freewill Baptist Church on Friday, May 14, 1999.

Meeting was open with singing page 248, "Just Over in the Glory Land" with Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Paul Davis.

Singing page 298, "What a Happy Time"

- 1.) Meeting called to order by the clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.
- 2.) Call for Peace and Fellowship.
- 3.) Opportunity for membership. (one) Rev. Roy Jones.
- 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.) Acknowledgements. (none)

9.) Committee Reports. (none)

10.) New Business - Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan spoke on the Issue of Gambling.

1.) Speaker for August Ministers and Deacons Conference Rev. Curtis Fuller, Alt Rev. Roy Jones.

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan ask that we have altar of prayer. Rev. Barry Long led in prayer.

Rev. Barry Long sang a special. "Rise Above It All" "Had It Not Been"

Rev. Len Blanchard sang a special. "God In Heaven Knows."

Rev. Len Blanchard was the speaker reading scripture from Acts. Title: "New Testament Christianity."

Dea. L.D. Jones dismissed in prayer.

Fourth Quarterly Session of the 67th Annual Session

The 4th quarterly session or Annual Session of the Liberty No. 2 Association met at Talladega Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, August 14, 1999.

Meeting was open with singing page 612, "Jesus Hold My Hand" with Sis. Annette Smith at the piano with Bro. Rex Gaither leading.

Bro. Arlie Mitchell, Jr. led in prayer.

Singing page 656, "This World Is Not My Home"

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

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan read scriptures from Mark 5:1-20

Moderator read list of delegates M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee:

Rev. Len Blanchard
Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Ronnie Smith
Dea. Daniel Jones
Rev. Roy Jones

Decreased Committee:

Sis. Brenda Morgan
Sis. Teresa Fuller
Sis. Tonya Robinson

Education and Family Religion:

Sis. Pam Hallman
Sis. Vonnie Jones
Sis. Sue Otwell

Ministerial Standing:

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

Literature & Sunday School Committee:

Sis. Suzette Cain
Sis. Faye Hudgins
Sis. Della Jones

Devotional Committee:

Bro. Carl Higginbotham
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Mary Beth Morgan
Sis. Tempie Gwen
Bro. L.D. Jones

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Paul Davis
Rev. Barry Long
Bro. Joe Hudgins

After recess Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan had us to stand and sing page 57, "Amazing Grace" & page 181, "Blessed Assurance"

Presentation of the program by Talladega Church "Grace Will Bring You Home"

Committee Reports

Business Committee:

Item#1) We the business committee have examined the Bank statements on our account balances and believe them to be in order. M.S.C.

Item#2) We the business committee recommend that our association have a photo and paragraph written in our annual minutes of any Minister and Deacon in good standing who passes away during the previous year and to continue yearly. M.S.C.

We the Business Committee have reviewed the church letters and with no business pending we recommend the adoption of each church letter. M.S.C.

Rev. Ronnie Smith
Rev. Roy Jones

Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Dea. Daniel Jones

Rev. Len Blanchard

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional committee recommend Rev. Len Blanchard for the Nov. Session with Rev. Barry Long as alternate. M.S.C.

Sis. Bertha Higginbothom
Bro. Carl Higginbothom
Sis. Mary Beth Morgan
Dea. L.D. Jones
Sis. Tempie Gwen

Sunday School & Literature Committee:

We the Sunday school and Literature committee recommend we continue to use the Freewill Baptist literature. We encourage everyone to study Bible with Sunday school lesson. We also support the use of King James Bibles. M.S.C.

Sis. Faye Hudgins
Sis. Della Jones
Sis. Suzette Cain

Decreased Committee Report:

Ragland Church:

Sis. Annie Hines
Dea. J.B. Chamblis

Wattsville Church:

Sis. Mary Ann Smith

Talladega Church:

Sis. Lydia Lackey Smith
Bro. William Asberry Spicer, Jr.

Friendship Church:

Dea. Almus Foster
Bro. Bud Moore
Sis. Carol Pearson
Bro. Dwight "Byrd" Davis
Sis. Velma Willis Watson

Committee:

Sis. Brenda Morgan
Sis. Tanya Robinson
Sis. Teresa Fuller

Educational and Family Religion:

We the Education and Family Religion committee recommend that each family set aside a time each day for prayer and Bible study. We also encourage for our families to attend Sunday school and church worship on a regular basis. M.S.C.

Sis. Pam Hallman
Sis. Vonnice Jones
Sis. Sue Otwell

Ministerial Standing Committee:

We the Ministerial Standing committee recommend the association renew Bro. Ronnie Smith's license for one year. M.S.C.

We the ministerial standing committee recommend the association give each minister & deacon their certificate of standing. M.S.C.

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

Nominating Committee:

We the nominating committee nominate Rev. Len Blanchard to replace Rev. Larry Morgan as Moderator. We the nominating committee nominate Rev. Barry Long for Asst. Moderator. M.S.C.

We the nominating committee nominate Rev. Paul Davis to replace Rev. Curtis Fuller on the organizing council. M.S.C.

We the nominating committee nominate Dea. Daniel Jones to replace Dea. L.D. Jones on the ordaining committee. M.S.C.

We the nominating committee nominate Rev. Roy Jones and Rev. James Barber to replace Rev. Paul Davis and Dea. Teddy Cain on the Executive Committee. M.S.C.

Rev. Barry Long
Bro. Joe Hudgins
Rev. Paul Davis

Attendance Banner:

Talladega -	53	Talladega Winning the Banner
Wattsville -	3	
Friendship -	22	
Ragland -	<u>9</u>	
Total Present	87	

Offering received for Children's Home singing page 508, "I Will Serve Thee" Rev. A.D. Lynn ask God to bless the offering \$ 51.72

Rev. Curtis Fuller was the speaker reading scriptures from II Timothy 3:1-6

Motion and second to elect Rev. Roy Jones and Deacon Daniel Jones to research and report Bio. on any Minister or Deacon that passes away.

Ministers and Deacons Conference Nomination Asst. Moderator
Rev. Roy Jones 7 Rev. Paul Davis 2

Asst. Clerk, Rev. A.D. Lynn

M.S.C.

Adjournment & blessed the food, Bro. Carl Higginbothom.

Ministers and Deacons Conference

The Fourth Quarterly Session or Annual Session of the 67th Annual session of the Liberty No. 2 Association meeting at Talladega Freewill Baptist Church on Friday night August 13, 1999.

Meeting was open with singing page 92, "Just a Little Walk with Jesus."

Prayer was led by Rev. Paul Davis.

Singing page 120, "Victory in Jesus."

- 1.) Meeting called to order by the clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.
- 2.) Call for peace and fellowship.
- 3.) Opportunity for membership. (none)
- 4.) Invite visiting Bro. & Sis. to be seated.
- 5.) Read of previous minutes. (M.S.C.)
- 6.) Unfinished business. (none)
- 7.) Appointment of committee. (none)
- 8.) Acknowledgment. (none)
- 9.) Committee Reports. (none)
- 10.) New Business.

I. Motion made by Rev. Paul Davis that deceased Ministers & Deacons that is in good standing wit the Liberty No. 2 Association be recognized by the printing a picture and written statement concerning the deceased. Second by Rev. Curtis Fuller.
The motion was carried over to the Annual Session.

Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan ask how and by what process this may be carried out. Rev. Roy Jones volunteered to get the proper information and pass it on to the clerk for printing. Bro. Moderator asked that this be a two person responsibility in lack of absence of the other.; Deacon Daniel Jones will support his need.

II. Speaker for November Session of Ministers & Deacons Conference, Rev. Roy Jones with Rev. Ronnie Smith as alternate.

III. Election of Moderator & Assistant. Election of Clerk & Assistant for Ministers and Deacons Conference will be carried over into the Annual Session.

Rev. Larry Morgan ask that we come to the alter for prayer. Rev. Ronnie Smith led in prayer.

Rev. Paul Davis was the speaker reading from Isaiah 58:1 and Luke 17:26-27, Gen. 6:1-7.

Rev. Curtis Fuller dismissed with prayer.



*In Memory of
Deacon Almus
Lee Foster*

Brother Foster was loved and cherished by all his church.

His son Charles A. Foster said, his dad loved more than anything teaching Sunday School. He considered all the kids he taught like they were his own kids. His son & his church all said Brother Foster was always the first at church. He wanted to unlock the doors to God's House. He was one to make you laugh and enjoy fellowship one with another. He was a dedicated member & deacon over 30 years.

*In Memory of
Deacon
J. B. Chamblis*



Brother Chamblis was saved in 1963 soon after he joined Ragland First Freewill Baptist Church. He was licensed to be deacon on Sept. 1, 1963. He was one of the most dedicated christian and member of his church. His wife, Sis. Alam Davis, said that God was first and church was second in his life. Bro. J. B. enjoyed going to singings and being at church. Bro. J.B. was a long time member standing in good faith for over 30 years. Bro. J.B. was loved by his church and all who knew him. He was always full of joy.



