

MINUTES
of the
Liberty No. 2 Association
of The
Original Free Will Baptist

1999 - 2000

Convened at
Talladega FWB Church
Talladega, AL

August 18 - 19, 2000



**First Quarterly Session of the
68th Annual Session**

**Ministers and Deacons Conference
Ragland Freewill Baptist Church
November 19, 1999**

The meeting was opened with singing. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller. Special singing by Ronnie and Annette Smith. Meeting was called to order by Rev. Paul Davis, Assistant Clerk.

Those reporting in person or by letter:

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| 1. Rev. Larry Morgan | 8. Dea. Daniel Jones |
| 2. Rev. Barry Long | 9. Dea. L.D. Jones |
| 3. Rev. Len Blanchard | 10. Dea. Arlie Mitchell |
| 4. Rev. Curtis Fuller | 11. Dea. Jerome Wyatt |
| 5. Rev. Ronnie Smith | 12. Rev. Roy Jones |
| 6. Rev. Paul Davis | 13. Rev. James Barber |
| 7. Rev. Danny Hallman | 14. Dea. Billy Higginbotham |

Opportunity for membership was given. Rev. Barry Long came forward and was accepted by the body. He was given the right hand of Christian fellowship by the members of the body.

Rev. Larry Morgan, Moderator, called for prayer requests before altar prayer. Rev. Barry Long led the prayer.

Rev. Roy Jones brought the message on "Dedication". Scripture used was from I Kings 8:8 and Romans 12:1-2.

New Business: Motion and seconded to get speaker for the next ministers and deacons conference. Rev. Barry Long elected with Rev. Paul Davis as the alternate.

Conference will be in session until the close of the quarterly meeting tomorrow.

Dismissed in prayer.

**First Quarterly Session of the
68th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 20, 1999**

Meeting was opened with singing, page 240, "When the Roll is
Called up Yonder" and page 235, "He Set Me Free".
Prayer led by Rev. Paul Davis.

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

Moderator, Rev. Len Blanchard, read Matthew 20:26-28

Roll Call of Delegates. M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees

Business Committee:

Rev. Larry Morgan
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Rev. Roy Jones
Bro. Rex Gaither
Rev. James Barber

Devotional Committee :

Rev. Barry Long
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr.

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Paul Davis
Dea. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Danny Hallman

Recessed to allow committees to meet.

Song service: "Where the Soul Never Dies", "Old Time Power",
and "Victory in Jesus".

Presentation of program by host church, Ragland, "The Greatest Story Ever Told".

Attendance count taken.

Friendship-15

Ragland-17

Talladega-17

Wattsville-22

Banner awarded to Wattsville Church.

Committee Reports

Business Committee:

1) We have examined the church letters and find that Talladega has sent too much for their entrance fee since the fee has not been raised by the Liberty No. 2 association.

2) We have received a recommendation from the Wattsville Church to address a change in Article #5.

3) The State Association has raised the entrance fee to \$85.00. Article IV, section 3, says that we automatically raise ours to meet the necessary fees.

4) We recommend that the association establish an office of Youth Director for the Liberty No. 2 Association.

M.S.C. to accept report and dispose of these items--item by item. Item #1 M.S.C. Item # 2 did not pass. Item # 3 M.S.C. Item #4 M.S.C. to establish office of Youth Director and referred to the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee:

We the nominating committee recommend Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. to serve as youth director for the Liberty No. 2 Association. M.S.C.

Devotional Committee:

We the devotional committee nominate Rev. Danny Hallman as speaker for the next association meeting and Bro. Larry Morgan as alternate. M.S.C.

State Promotional Director, Rick Cash gave an oral report on missions.

Received offering for the Promotional Office.

The Second Quarterly Session of the 68th Annual Session

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 18, 2000

Meeting was opened with singing, page 30 "What a Day That Will Be" with Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Paul Davis.

Singing: page 93, "What Sins are You Talking About?"

1. Called to order by the clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman.
2. Called for peace and fellowship.
3. Opportunity for membership (None)
4. Invited visiting Brothers and Sisters to be seated.
5. Reading of previous minutes. M.S.C.
6. Unfinished business (None)
7. Appointment of Committees (None)
8. Acknowledgments (None)

Brother Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan, asked for prayer requests before coming to the altar. Rev. Paul Davis led the prayer.

Testimonies given by several.

Rev. Barry Long was the speaker; reading scriptures from 3rd John, verses 9 and 10. Title of message: "Godless Pride".

New Business: The Ministers and Deacons Conference needs to address the Quarterly conference concerning the election of an assistant clerk.

Speaker for May Conference to be Rev. Larry Morgan with Rev. Roy Jones as the alternate speaker.

Ministers and Deacons reporting by letter or in person:

1. Rev. Barry Long
2. Rev. Roy Jones
3. Dea. Daniel Jones
4. Dea. L. D. Jones
5. Rev. Paul Davis
6. Rev. Danny Hallman
7. Rev. Larry Morgan
8. Dea. Jerome Wyatt
9. Dea. Teddy Cain
10. Dea. Arlie Mitchell, Jr.
11. Dea. Billy Earl Higginbotham. Sr.
12. Rev. Curtis Fuller

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roy Jones.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
68th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association**
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 19, 2000

•Meeting was opened with singing from the church folder
"Majesty" and "We Have Come into His House" with Sis.
Renee Henderson at the piano.

Rev. Larry Morgan led in prayer.

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

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Barry Long read scriptures from
Psalms 122.

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

Appointment of Committees

Business Committee:

Rev. Paul Davis
Rev. Roy Jones
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Dea. Teddy Cain
Dea. Daniel Jones

Devotional Committee:

Rev. Larry Morgan
Bro. Allen Crump
Bro. Carl Higginbotham

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Barry Long asked that we dismiss for
recess so that the committees could meet.

Singing: page 306, "The Old Gospel Ship "

Presentation of the Program by the Host Church. Title of the program: "Broken Hearts"

Attendance count taken: Friendship-18, Ragland-5, Talladega-15, Watts-ville-44. Total attendance - 82. Watts-ville received the banner.

Committee Reports

Business Committee report: Bro. Moderator asked that business committee meet again concerning dues needing to be paid to the State Association.

Singing and special singing.

Revised Business Committee Report:

- 1) We the business committee have examined the church letters and find them to be in order. M.S.C.
- 2) We the business committee recommend to the body that we at each quarterly meeting pay \$50.00 as before and at each annual meeting pay \$85.00 from each church to meet the increase by the State Association. M.S.C.
- 3) We recommend that the clerk send each church a letter stating the amount to be sent for the next quarterly session deducting overpayment paid to this session. M.S.C.
- 4) We the business committee recommend that we take nominations from the floor for assistant clerk. M.S.C. (Rev. Roy Jones nominated and elected by acclamation.)

Devotional Committee Report:

We the devotional committee recommend Rev. Larry Morgan as the speaker for the May session with Rev. Roy Jones as alternate. M.S.C.

Offering for the Children's Home: \$24.17.

Speaker for today was Rev. Danny Hallman. Topic was "Making a Choice"

Reading of the Minutes. M.S.C. to accept minutes as read.

• Adjournment.

Third Quarterly Session

Ministers and Deacons Conference Friendship FWB Church May 19, 2000

There was an informal meeting with Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan leading the discussion concerning the state of our nation and the religious movements prevailing today. Several voiced their opinions and discussed sending the State and National Associations a document voicing our stand on certain matters. (See association minutes for more detail)

Meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Third Quarterly Session of the 68th Annual Session of the Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist Friendship Free Will Baptist

May 20, 2000

Meeting opened with singing page 28, "Follow Me", with Bro. Teddy Cain leading and Sis. Suzette Cain at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Larry Morgan.

Bro. Clerk, Rev. Danny Hallman called the meeting to order.

Moderator's message from II Cor. 5:1 & 17-21.

Moderator, Rev. Len Blanchard, called names of the delegates. M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Larry Morgan, Chm.
Bro. Allen Crump
Rev. Danny Hallman
Dea. Billy Higginbotham
Dea. Teddy Cain

Devotional Committee

Bro. Arlie Mitchell, Chm
Rev. Paul Davis
Bro. Anthony Presley

Bro. Moderator, Rev. Len Blanchard, asked that we stand in recess so the committees can meet.

Presentation of church program by the host church, Friendship. Program entitled "Dark Shadows".

Singing: Page 22 "If That Isn't Love" and Page 30 "What A Day That Will Be"

Awarding Church Attendance Banner
Friendship - 25
Wattsville - 18
Ragland - 2

Committee Reports

Business Committee

- 1) We recommend that upon examination of the church letters, that they be accepted. M.S.C.
- 2) We recommend that minutes of the previous session be read at the start of the following session. M.S.C.
- 3) We recommend the following resolutions be sent to the state and National Associations to let them know how we stand on these issues. M.S.C.

Resolutions:

WHEREAS,

we, the membership of the Liberty #2 Association of FWB believe we see a movement nationwide among former conservative and fundamental churches to a more moderate or liberal stance on things such as 1) the ordaining of women; the rejection of long held Biblical beliefs 2) of Hell and its eternal, literal fire; 3) of the belief of an apostate dying without hope of salvation; 4) of immodest apparel and the adornment of the body being wrong and needing to be rejected; 5) of mixing with those who do not hold to the truths of Scripture as being wrong;

WHEREAS:

we want to state clearly that:

- 1) Ordaining of women is not a Biblical practice and should be rejected.
- 2) Hell, by Bible definition, is indeed a place of burning eternal fire
- 3) Any person who becomes apostate is hopelessly lost for all eternity

- 4) Immodest apparel and costly adorning of the body is wrong and is to be rejected by all Christians and that our leaders should set the example
- 5) Mixing with people who call themselves Christians, yet reject the clear teachings of scripture is sinful and the saints should separate from them, no matter how popular they are, as II Cor. 6:14-17 declares.

WHEREAS, we the membership of the Liberty # 2 Association of FWB see a vicious attack on the authority and integrity of God's Holy Word, the Bible; through the rejection and omission of passages on the blood, salvation, miracles, etc.; by modern translations that are little more than paraphrases and do not hold to the integrity of the Greek Vulgate or the Received Text

WHEREAS:

we want to reaffirm the stand taken years ago by FWBs that the King James Bible is still the best text; that it is a faithful copy of the Masoretic text in the Hebrew and of the Received Text in the Greek. We want to state that no other translation has ever been proven to be a better translation ['literal' translation] at any time.

We want to stand for its use as the "Standard Bearer" for all FWBs.

- 4) We suggest that churches fill out the letter forms in as much detail as possible (for the August annual session). M.S.C.

Devotional Committee

We, the devotional committee recommend that Rev. Wayne McDaniel be contacted to speak at our next session in August and for an alternate, we recommend Rev. Roy Jones.

Love offering received for Children's Home \$25.75.

Rev. Len Blanchard sang a special "Till the Storm Passes by".

Revival was set for June 19-23, 2000 at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business session.

All gathered in the altar for prayer. Rev. Paul Davis led in prayer.

Special singing by Bro. Teddy Cain, Sis. Suzette Cain, and Sis. Linda Blanchard.

Rev. Larry Morgan was the speaker, reading scriptures from Jeremiah 36:1-31.

Reading of the minutes. M.S.C. Adjourned with prayer.

**Fourth Quarterly or
68th Annual Session
of the Liberty #2 Association**

**Ministers and Deacons Conference
Talladega Free Will Baptist Church
August 18, 2000**

Meeting was opened with a singing, page 230, Amazing Grace, led by Rev. Barry Long.

Those reporting in person or by letter:

1. Rev. Len Blanchard
2. Dea. Daniel Jones
3. Rev. Paul Davis
4. Dea. Jerome Wyatt
5. Dea. Arlie Mitchell
6. Rev. Roy Jones
7. Rev. Barry Long

8. Rev. Robert Sanders
9. Rev. James Barber
10. Rev. Larry Morgan
11. Dea. L.D. Jones
12. Dea. Teddy Cain
13. Rev. A.D. Lynn
14. Rev. Danny Hallman
15. Dea. Billy Higginbotham
16. Rev. Curtis Fuller

Special music by Rev. Len Blanchard.

- 1) Meeting called to order by assistant clerk, Rev. Roy Jones.
- 2) Call for peace and fellowship.
- 3) Opened the door for new membership. (none)
- 4) Previous minutes were not available.
- 5) No unfinished business.
- 6) No committee appointments.
- 7) Acknowledgments. (none)
- 8) Committee reports. (none)
- 9) New Business: Elected Moderator-Rev. Larry Morgan and Assistant Moderator-Rev. Paul Davis. Speaker for November conference to be Rev. Barry Long and alternate Rev. Roy Jones.

Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan read Hebrews 1:1-14, "Power from the Pulpit". There were many responses and opinions on the subject.

Speaker for this session was Rev. Roy Jones; reading from I Cor. chapter 2:1-14.

Rev. Paul Davis dismissed in prayer.

**The Fourth Quarterly or Annual
Session of the Liberty # 2 Association
Talladega F.W.B. Church
August 19, 2000**

Meeting was opened with singing, page 693, "What a Day That Will Be", with Bro. Rex Gaither leading and Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano.

Rev. Larry Morgan led in prayer.

Singing page 411, "Oh, How I Love Jesus".

Brother Moderator, Rev. Len Blanchard read scriptures from II Kings 25:27-30.

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

Appointment of Committees

Business & Auditing Committee

Rev. Larry Morgan, Chrm.

Rev. Curtis Fuller

Dea. Teddy Cain

Rev. Danny Hallman

Rev. Barry Long

Ministerial Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller, Chrm.

Rev. Larry Morgan

Dea. Teddy Cain

Education & Family Religion Committee

Dea. Arlie Mitchell, Chrm.

Bro. Bill Harbin

Sis. Pam Hallman

Literature & S. S. Committee

Rev. Roy Jones, Chrm.

Dea. Daniel Jones

Rev. Ronnie Smith

Nominating Committee

Rev. Paul Davis, Chrm

Rev. James Barber

Bro. Rex Gaither

Deceased Committee

Sis. Brenda Morgan

Sis. Linda Blanchard

Sis. Jessica Long

Devotional Committee

Rev. Robert Sanders, Chrm.

Sis. Paulette Boyd

Sis. Suzette Cain

Rev. Robert Sanders dismissed with prayer so the committees could meet.

Singing, page 541 "He Keeps Me Singing".

Talladega Church Program was special singing by Sis. Stacy Gaither.

The Moderator asked that we stand and go to the Lord in prayer. Rev. Len Blanchard led in prayer.

Committee Reports**Devotional Committee:**

We the devotional committee recommend Rev. Vint Arnold (with the understanding Bro. Vint is available) to preach and Rev. Len Blanchard as the alternate for the November Quarterly meeting.

We the devotional committee recommend Rev. Millard "Preach" McGuire for the 2001 Associational Revival. This is at the request of Rev. Len Blanchard. M.S.C.

Ministerial Standing Committee:

We the Ministerial Standing Committee recommend that each pastor present a list to the clerk of ordained men and licensed ministers who are to receive a certificate of standing. We also recommend that space be made on letter forms to allow for this list to be included in the church letters. M.S.C.

Literature & Sunday School Committee:

1) We the Literature & Sunday School Committee do recommend that we continue to read the Bible and to still use Randall House Publishing Company.

2) We also recommend as does the Moderator that we allow him to contact Rev. Alton Loveless, who is the department head at Randall House Publishing to come for a three day S.S. Revival Campaign in February.

3) We also recommend we give Bro. Loveless an offering and cover all his expenses.

4) We also need to discuss where to have the S.S. Revival.

All items M.S.C. Friendship Church to host the S.S. Revival.

Deceased Committee:

We the Deceased Committee report the following have gone to be with the Lord from our congregations in the past year.

Wattsville- Rev. A.D. Lynn

Talladega- Sis Audrey Elders and Sis. Maggie Bryson

Friendship- Sis. Bertha Simon, Sis. Ruby Foster, Sis. Emma Bunn and Sis. Margaret Hollis

We recommend a few moments of silence to reverence their memory, followed by prayer for their families.

M.S.C. to receive this report. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Nominating Committee:

For Clerk we nominate Rev. Roy Jones (elected by acclamation)

For Assistant Clerk we nominate Rev. Paul Davis (elected by acclamation)

For ordaining council -to replace Bro. Teddy Cain(term expired Year 2000)- we nominate Rev. James Barber(term to expire Year 2006) (elected by acclamation)

For Executive Committee we nominate Rev. James Barber and Rev. Curtis Fuller (elected by acclamation)

M.S.C. to accept report and proceed with election.

Education & Family Religion Committee:

We the Education and Family Religion Committee have reviewed a request a by Rev. Len Blanchard which is as follows:

A recommendation that we choose a suitable time to host a one or two day "Family Conference". The purpose being:

- 1) To teach creative ways for Family Devotions
- 2) To give ideas on how to lead your children to study God's word
- 3) To learn how we might better educate ourselves and our churches

We highly recommend that the Family Conference be voted on by the body, and a time and place for it be established today.

We believe that this conference should be fully funded by our association, whether it be a teacher from our association or from another source.

M.S.C. to accept report. and to have the conference at the Wattsville Church. Rev. Rick Cash to teach the 2-day conference in October or November as it can be fit into his schedule.

Business Committee:

We the Business Committee have examined the letters received and find them in order. The Ragland Church was unable to send a letter due to sickness. Their letter will be forth coming and we recommend that they be permitted to do this.

The fee schedule should be \$50 per church per quarterly meeting. Then an additional \$25 toward the printing of the minutes at the annual session.

We have examined the bank statement of the clerk-treasurer and recommend they be accepted.

M.S.C. to be accept report

Rev. Larry Morgan gave an oral report on the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Attendance Banner:

Talladega - 25

Wattsville - 18

Ragland - 1

Friendship -15

59

Visitors +3

62 Total in attendance

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

Rev. Wayne McDaniel read Scriptures from Isaiah 54:1-17.

Adjourned 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 Baptist.

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 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 years. The election will come on the even year. They shall take office on the first Quarterly session.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP - This Association shall be composed of churches in good standing according to Faith and Practices of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist. 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 ministers 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 Baptist 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 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 1. Each church shall be represented at the quarterly and annual associational sessions 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 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 1. 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 (two) 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, Conferences, and etc.) in the Association. They will elect own Sec.-Treas. from the Board.

(2) Organizing Committee - There shall be an 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 FWB.

(3) Ordaining and Credentials Committee of the Ministry. There shall be an Ordaining and 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 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 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 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 1. 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 & DEACONS CONFERENCE

Section 1. Each minister ordained or licensed of churches of the Association is expected to affiliate with The Ministers & Deacons Conference.

Section 2. This Association recommends that each deacon join and support The Ministers & Deacons Conference.

ARTICLE XIII. RESTRICTION OF MINISTERS

Section 1. 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 changed 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 \$1.00 to the clerk of the Ministers & Deacons 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 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.

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.

FREEWILL 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 2:2-4, 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 provide 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 committal 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, JUDGMENT 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.

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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 the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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 the 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 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 Freewill Baptist Church of Pell City, AL met with the Pleasant Grove Freewill Baptist Church of Ashville, AL and organized the Liberty # 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 Freewill 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. Acknowledgments
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 PM on Fridays at Annual Session and also on Friday of the Quarterly sessions at 7:00 PM.

