

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

2003-2004



Convened at
Talladega FWB Church
Talladega, Alabama

August 13-14, 2004



**First Quarterly Session of the
72nd Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Ragland Free Will Baptist Church

November 14, 2003

Ministers and Deacons who registered:

Rev. Larry Morgan

Bro. Jerome Wyatt

Rev. Johnny Cook

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.

Rev. Alan Crump

Bro. Arlie Mitchell

Rev. Curtis Fuller

Session called to order by Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan. Opened meeting with singing. Prayer led by Bro. Alan Crump.

Opened the doors of Ministers and Deacons Conference. Rev. Johnny Cook came forward to join. MS&C to accept him.

Reading of previous minutes. MS&C to accept as read.

Unfinished Business: Had discussion on article XIII.

Rev. Johnny Cook selected as speaker for February session. Rev. Curtis Fuller to be alternate.

MS&C to keep session open during the Quarterly meeting.

Message by Rev. Larry Morgan. Scripture from Acts 3:18. Rev. Curtis Fuller dismissed in prayer.

**First Quarterly Session of the
72nd Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of**

Free Will Baptist

Ragland Free Will Baptist Church

November 15, 2003

Opened with singing page 120 in Church Hymnal "Victory in Jesus" led by Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan accompanied by Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham, Rev. Curtis Fuller, and Bro. Arlie Mitchell. Prayer led by Rev. Parnell Aldridge. We sang "Amazing Grace" and "When We All Get To Heaven". Session called to order by Assistant Clerk Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderator's Message - Spoke concerning the make-up of the association; the four churches, meetings each quarter, the committees and their duties, and the officers and their duties.

Roll call of delegates with substitutions. MS&C to seat delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Parnell Aldridge
Bro. David Lowery
Bro. Jerome Wyatt

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Sis. Josephine Kay
Sis. Lorine Higginbotham
Sis. Katherine Dinaso
Sis. Barbara Alverson

Recessed for committees to meet. Singing "What a Day That Will Be" and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". Time for testimonies given.

Turned service over to host church for program of singing. Bro. and Sis. Fuller sang a couple of songs. Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham sang "I Thirst". Group from church sang "When You Don't Feel Like Praying, Pray" and "Jesus Built a Bridge".

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the business committee have examined the church letters and find them to be in order with the exception that Wattsville Church paid \$85 fee instead of \$60 and will be credited at the next session. We find three items of business for the Association: 1) Rev. Johnny Cook is returning to the Liberty No. 2 Association. 2) Bro. Alan Crump needs to be licensed to preach. (These two need to go before the Ordaining and Credentials Committee.) 3) The Association needs to elect a Clerk or an Assistant Clerk. (Taken up item by item.) MS&C [Sis. Brenda Morgan elected as Clerk with Sis. Mary Beth Morgan as Assistant.]

Devotional Committee: We the devotional committee nominate Bro. Alan Crump for speaker at the February meeting and Rev. Johnny Cook as alternate. MS&C

Sis. Rhonda Caldwell gave Children's Home report. Received as information.

Offering for the Children's Home received in the amount of \$86.41

Church Count and awarding of Banner:

Friendship -14	Ragland -13
Talladega -6	Wattsville -5

Ordaining Council called together with Rev. Parnell Aldridge strengthening the Committee in the absence of Bro. Daniel Jones. Singing by Sis. Brenda Morgan, Sis. Nettie Goodwin, and Rev. and Sis. Cook while Ordaining Council met with and questioned Rev. Johnny Cook and Bro. Alan Crump.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Johnny Cook met specifications of the Ordaining Council. MS&C to accept him into the Association. Committee questioned Bro. Alan Crump and recommended that the Association recognize him as a licensed minister for the coming year. MS&C

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Rev. Alan Crump.

Morning message by Rev. Randy Key. Scripture text from Psalm 9:17 and II Chronicles 7:14.

Motion made by Moderator to give Rev. Randy Key \$100 honorarium.
MS&C

Reading of minutes. MS&C

Announcements: Pastors to be the contact person for Children's Home information.

Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Johnny Cook.

Second Quarterly Session of the 72nd Annual Session

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 13, 2004

Ministers and Deacons who registered:

Rev. Johnny Cook	Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Larry Morgan	Bro. David Lowery
Rev. Curtis Fuller	Bro. David Wilson
Rev. Alan Crump	Bro. Jerome Wyatt
	Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham

Singing led by Sis. Claudia Crump accompanied by Sis. Beverly Cook. Prayer led by Bro. Arlie Mitchell. Welcome by Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan. Meeting called to order by Clerk Sis. Brenda Morgan giving charge to Bro. Larry Morgan. Special singing by Rev. Johnny and Sis. Beverly Cook.

Doors of Ministers and Deacons conference opened. Rev. Alan Crump came forward to join. Moved and seconded and passed to accept him into the fellowship. Given the right hand of fellowship.

Reading of previous minutes. MS&C to accept as read.
Unfinished Business-discussion of Article XIII

Called for other unfinished business. Bro. Larry brought up the possibility of using a questionnaire in the questioning of Ministers or Deacons being ordained or licensed. Discussed the idea of getting a committee to work on questionnaire that would give some guidelines in future ordinations. Bro. Arlie said he thought he had a set of questions.

Acknowledgments called for - none.
Committee reports called for - none.

Other business called for: Minister for May Minister's and Deacons Conference: Rev. Parnell Aldridge nominated. Nominations closed. Rev. Aldridge to be speaker at May Session at Friendship FWB. Rev. Glenn Morgan nominated as alternate. MS&C

Message brought by Rev. Johnny Cook from Matthew 21:21 How about the Mountains? Ministers and Deacons Conference left open throughout the associational meeting.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
72nd Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 14, 2004

Session opened withn singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Sis. Claudia Crump accompanied by Sis. Beverly Cook. Also sang "He set me Free." Prayer led by Rev. Parnell Aldridge. Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. Session called to order by Clerk Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderators message from Isaiah 6:1-8 Isaiah's Motivation- a vision from the Lord.

Roll call of Delegates: Names of Delegates called, substitution made, MS&C to seat delegates. Moderator reminded that Ministers and Deacons Conference was still open throughout the Association meeting.

Appointment of Committees:

Devotional Committee

Rev. Johnny Cook
Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Parnell Aldridge
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham

Business Committee:

Bro. David Lowery
Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Katherine Dinaso
Sis. Beverly Cook
Bro. Ray Hannah

Dismissed for intermission in order for committees to meet. Reopened with singing "I want to know more About My Jesus."

Service turned over to host church for program. Time given for testimonies. Special singing by Sis. Claudia Crump. "Stand Still and let God Move" and "He Is." Rev. Johnny and Sis. Beverly Cook sang "Oh The Glory Did Roll."

Committee Reports:

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee nominate for speaker at the May meeting at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church Bro. Glenn Morgan as speaker and Rev. Larry Morgan as alternate. MS&C

Business Committee: We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and found them to be in order. We recommend that they be accepted. MS&C

Church Count

Friendship-13

Ragland -8

Talladega -5

Wattsville -15

Offering taken for Children's Home was \$65.50.

Visitors from Hanks Memorial FWB recognized. Rev. Harold Latta and Bro. Cox were given opportunity to share a few words. Shared with us their desire to find an association to join.

Prayer requests made for several berieved and sick.

Altar Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Service turned over to Rev. Alan Crump for the morning message from Acts 3:1-11 and Acts 2:43-46.

Altar service.

Reading of minutes. MS&C to accept minutes as read.

Announcements: Revival at Wattsville - Rev. Donnie Thomason from Birmingham. Singing at Ragland FWB 2nd Sunday in March, singers will be "Praise Hymn"

Next Quarterly meeting at Friendship May 14th and 15th.

Rev. Johnny Cook led prayer of dismissal.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
72nd Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Friendship Free Will Baptist

May 14, 2004

Ministers and Deacons who registered:

Rev. Larry Morgan

Bro. David Lowery

Rev. Johnny Cook

Bro. David Wilson

Rev. Curtis Fuller

Bro. Jerome Wyatt

Rev. Alan Crump

Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham

Meeting opened with singing led by Moderator Rev. Larry Morgan accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Welcome given by Moderator.

Meeting called to order.

Called for peace and fellowship.

Opportunity for new members.

Invited Bro. and Sis. to meet with us.

Reading of previous minutes MS&C to accept as read.

Unfinished business:

1) Article XIII - Bro. Larry brought out that motion to change Article XIII was dead on the table (having not been taken off.)

2) Questionnaire for use in questioning prospective Ministers and Deacons. Moderator went over guidelines for ordination Pg. 21 of current minutes. Discussion of sample questionnaire Bro. Mitchell furnished. Discussion concurred that questionnaire was too in-depth and might deter some from ordination process. Might consider briefer questionnaire at a later time.

Neither speaker nor alternate were present. Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan asked Rev. Alan Crump to bring the message.

Floor opened for speaker for August session. Rev. Larry Morgan nominated and selected. Rev. Johnny Cook nominated as alternate selected by unanimous vote.

Moderator asked for prayer requests from congregation. Altar prayer led by Bro. Jeff Chapman.

Service turned over to Bro. Alan Crump. Scripture text was James 4:7-10.

Ministers and Deacons Conference left open throughout the session on Saturday.

Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. David Lowery.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
72nd Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Friendship Free Will Baptist
May 15, 2004

Meeting opened with singing led by Moderator, accompanied by Suzette Cain at piano. We sang "Amazing Grace" and "Victory in Jesus." Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller. Then we sang "Old Rugged Cross."

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan and charge given to Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Moderator's message was from John 4:21 and John 17:17.

Roll call of delegates. MS&C to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

Devotional Committee

Rev. Alan Crump
Sis. Suzette Cain
Sis. Katherine Dinaso
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Sis. Tressa Fuller

Business Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Johnny Cook
Bro. David Lowery
Bro. Jerome Wyatt
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.

Rev. Johnny Cook led prayer to dismiss for committees to meet.

Reopened with singing, "Look for me at Jesus Feet."

Special singing by host Church. Sis. Suzette Cain-"When He Was on the Cross" and "Great Speckled Bird", Mac Caldwell-"Without Jesus, What Would I Do", Sis. Brenda Morgan-"Sinner Saved By Grace", and Sis. Mary Beth Morgan-"Please Forgive Me".

Committee Reports:

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Alan Crump to be speaker at the next meeting with Rev. Johnny Cook as alternate. MS&C

Business Committee: We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and found them to be in order. We recommend that they be accepted. MS&C

Church Count

Friendship-16

Ragland-6

Talladega-9

Wattsville-10

Bro. Roger Bennett introduced and asked to come give report of Children's Home. He gave some background on Children's Home and challenges the children face in school and at home. Discussed benefits of Children Home as a mission work. Bro. Bennett gave invitation for everyone to come visit the home, pray for them, and send support. Reported they need house parents for teenage boys.

Offering received for Children's Home in the amount of \$152.

Requests for prayer. Altar Prayer led by Rev. Johnny Cook.

Message brought by Bro. Glenn Morgan from John 8:34, Romans 6:12-14, and Ephesians 2:8-9.

Invitation "Just as I am" given.

Announcements:

Talladega is having Revival also church is in need of Pastor.

Ragland is having a singing on the 2nd Sunday in June.

Reading of minutes. MS&C to accept as read.

Dismissed in prayer and blessing on refreshments.

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
72nd Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Talladega Free Will Baptist

August 13, 2004

Ministers and Deacons who registered:

Rev. Larry Morgan

Rev. Ronnie Smith

Rev. Alan Crump

Rev. Johnny Cook

Bro. Arlie Mitchell

Bro. David Lowery

Bro. L.D. Jones

Bro. Jerome Wyatt

Bro. Billy Higginbotham

Meeting began with singing on Pg. 230 "Amazing Grace" led by Moderator Larry Morgan accompanied by Bertha Higginbotham. Prayer led by Bro. L.D. Jones. Moderator requested prayer for Rev. J.T. Windsor's family as his funeral will be tomorrow. Recognized Rev. Nichols as new Pastor at Talladega FWB Church. We sang "Standing on the Promises"

Session called to order by Clerk Sis. Brenda Morgan and charge given to Moderator.

Called for peace and fellowship.

Opportunity for memberships- Bro. Nickels came forward. Voted to accept into fellowship. Given right hand of fellowship.

Invited visitors to meet with us; however, non-members have no vote.

Minutes from previous meeting read. Moved by Clerk to accept as read. Rev. Johnny Cook seconded and it passed.

Unfinished business- none

Appointment of Committees- none

Committee reports- none

New Business:

1) Rev. Samuel Nickels was selected to speak at the November 2004 Ministers and Deacons Meeting. Rev. Johnny Cook was selected as Alternate Speaker.

2) Moved and seconded to retain officers currently in office. Motion passed- keeping Rev. Larry Morgan as Moderator, Rev. Curtis Fuller as Assistant Moderator, Clerk as Sis. Brenda Morgan and Assistant Clerk as Mary Beth Morgan.

Altar prayer.

Message brought by Rev. Larry Morgan from II Kings 17:24 and Exodus 20:4.

Announcements:

Revival at Wattsville, August 22-27 with Rev. Billy Calhoun.

Session left open throughout the session on Saturday.

Dismissed in prayer led by Rev. Johnny Cook.

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
72nd Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Talladega Free Will Baptist Church
August 14, 2004

Meeting opened with singing led by Sis. Nettie Goodwin accompanied by Sis. Annette Smith.

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan giving charge to Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Moderator's message from II Chronicles 30:1 (Hezekiah re-establishing the Passover).

Roll call of delegates. MS&C to seat delegates with substitutions.

Appointment of Committees:

Devotional Committee

Bro. David Lowery
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Patsy Jones

Business and Auditing Committee

Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Johnny Cook
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Ronnie Smith
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham

Nominating Committee

Sis. Suzette Cain
Sis. Sue Otwell
Sis. Beverly Cook

Deceased Committee

Sis. Lorine Higginbotham
Sis. Katherine Dinaso
Sis. Claudia Crump

Ed. & Family Religion

Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Irene Barber
Sis. Tempie Guin

Ministerial Standing

Rev. Johnny Cook
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Ronnie Smith

Temperance & Resolution

Sis. Cathy Wyatt

Sis. Mary Beth Morgan

Sis. Nettie Goodwin

Literature & Sun. School

Rev. Alan Crump

Sis. Frances Carden

Sis. Rosa Lee Hannah

Dismissed in prayer for committees to meet.

Meeting reopened with singing. Special singing by host church.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: 1) We the Business Committee have examined the letters of the churches and found them to be in order. 2) We have examined the associational financial records and find them in order. 3) We have one item of business from the Talladega Church, that Bro. Edward R. Smith be licensed to preach for another year. 4) Rev. Samuel Nickels is coming to our association from Cumberland Association Northern Quarterly in Tennessee and we recommend that he be presented to Ordaining Council. (Took up business item by item. MS&C on all items.)

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Johnny Cook for speaker with Rev. Curtis Fuller as alternate for November session. MS&C

Nominating Committee: We the Nominating Committee nominate the following:

Clerk: Rev. Johnny Cook

Assistant Clerk: Brenda Morgan

Executive Committee: We recommend to keep Bro. Arlie Mitchell but replace Bro. Teddy Cain with Bro. Daniel Jones. MS&C

Ordaining Committee: We recommend to re-elect Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham. MS&C

Organizing Committee: We recommend that Bro. Daniel Jones be replaced by Bro. Curtis Fuller. MS&C

Children's Home Representative: We recommend that we retain Sis. Rhonda Caldwell. MS&C

MS&C to accept report of the Nominating Committee and take up item by item.

Nominations from the floor for Clerk: Bro. Alan Crump nominated but declined. Sis. Brenda Morgan nominated. Sis. Brenda elected Clerk. Rev. Johnny Cook nominated for Assistant Clerk. Nominations closed and proceeded to elect by acclamation.

Executive Committee

Moderator: Rev. Larry Morgan

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Curtis Fuller

Clerk: Brenda Morgan

Bro. Arlie Mitchell

Bro. Daniel Jones

Ordaining Council

Bro. Daniel Jones 2005
Bro. Jerome Wyatt 2006
Rev. Curtis Fuller 2007
Rev. Larry Morgan 2008
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham 2009

Organizing Committee

Rev. Larry Morgan 2005
Bro. Teddy Cain 2006
Bro. Jerome Wyatt 2007
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham 2008
Rev. Curtis Fuller 2009

Children's Home Representative: Sis. Rhonda Caldwell

Deceased Committee: We the Deceased Committee have searched our records and found deceased from:

First Free Will Baptist Church of Talladega:
Mrs. Lorene Barber, April 2004

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church:
Sis. Fannie (Jack) West Owen, November 2003
Sis. Rena Douglas, April 2004

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church:
Sis. Daisy Campbell, June 8, 2004
Rev. J.T. Windsor, August 12, 2004

Ragland Free Will Baptist Church:
Sis. Betty Davidson, November 2003

MS&C to accept the report and paused for a moment of silence.

Education and Family Religion Committee: We the Education and Family Religion Committee recommend daily Bible reading and studying from the King James Version, also daily family devotions. We believe and recommend II Tim. 2:15. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." MS&C

Temperance and Resolution Committee: We the Temperance and Resolution Committee believe the King James Version of the Bible to be the true word of God. We believe that we should be dedicated Christians, attend church services whenever we are physically able, and live our lives so others will see Christ in us. We should abstain from all alcoholic beverages and evils of the world. We will teach our children while they are young the ways of the Lord. We will do all we can to lead our children to the Lord and oppose those who may lead them astray. MS&C

Literature and Sunday School Committee: We the Literature and Sunday School Committee recommend we continue to use the Randall House Publishing literature for Sunday School and Church Training, Daily devotions, and continued use of the King James Version of the Bible. We suggest teaching and saying the Pledge of Allegiance to our Christian Flag, to the Bible, and the American Flag in an attempt to teach younger people where our heritage came from. MS&C

Ministerial Standing Committee: We the Ministerial Standing Committee recommend that all the Ministers and Deacons of the Association be given a card of good standing. MS&C

Children's Home Report: Top priority at this time is to find a couple to serve as house parents. Please make this a top item of prayer. We have 21 children, 13 boys and 8 girls. The time has come for us to start replacing our vans. We voted to start with 2-12 passenger vans. Please start now on getting Wal-Mart gift cards for the children's gifts at Christmas. I'd like to have these by October so I can take them with me to the board meeting. Each church needs to get 6-\$25 gift cards.

-Rhonda Caldwell (received this report as information)

Rev. Johnny Cook was asked to serve on the Ordaining Council in the absence of Bro. Daniel Jones for this meeting.

Ordaining Council met with Rev. Nickels.

Special singing by Rev. Ronnie and Sis. Annette Smith. Sis. Suzette Cain also sang.

Ordaining Council Report: MS&C to accept Rev. Nickels into the Association pending receipt of his letter of good standing from Cumberland Association Northern Quarterly in Tennessee.

Church Count

Talladega- 19	Wattsville- 6	26 people over
Ragland- 5	Friendship- 12	42

Offering received for Children's Home in the amount of \$75.

Rev. Alan Crump brought the morning message from Psalm 139:1-10.

Invitation given.

Reading of minutes. MS&C

Dismissal and blessing led by Bro. David Lowery.

42 people
9 Comm. over

-6-

10:25
- Pastoral Comm. Rec
- Business Committee
- \$100.00
- given to Act -

Children Home Report

- Cont -
Ragland - 2
Wattsville - 13
Friendship - 18
- 33 -

141
141
267
- 40
\$113.88

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 the constitution and all rules of same.

Section 1. Churches desiring membership in this Association shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter. If the church(es) upon examination by the Credentials Examining Committee are found to be in order and properly organized as specified in the Treatise, they shall by vote of this body be received into full fellowship.

Section 2. Acceptance of Ministers into the Association. No minister shall hold any office or have the right to vote until one of the following applies:

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.

Ministers coming from and 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 \$60.00 for each quarterly session to help with the printing of the minutes. Whenever the state raises their dues, we automatically raise ours to meet the necessary fees. (May 2001-Annual session dues increased to \$85.00)

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 is subject to approval of the annual session of The Liberty #2 Association which meets the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August.

Section 1. 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 \$0.35 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 \$0.20 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 and Resolution (3) Literature and Sunday School (4) Education and Family Religion (5) Deceased Committee (6) Ministerial Committee consisting of three ordained men in good standing with the Association (7) Business and Auditing Committee consisting of five men of the Association.

Section 2. Standing committees are:

(1) Organizing Committee - There shall be an Organizing Committee consisting of five ordained men elected to terms of one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. The duties are: 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.

(2) Ordaining and Credentials Committee of the Ministry. There shall be an Ordaining and Credentials Committee consisting of five ordained men elected to terms of one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one 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.

(3)Executive Committee - There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk of the Association, and two men elected by the Association for terms of one 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 without seven 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 year, and then be called to a specific work before being eligible for ordination. Licenses must be renewed each year by the request of the 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 conference before being elected. Clerk & assistant also are elected.

2. This Conference shall meet four 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 the 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

When the quarterly and annual sessions convene, they shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

Only one person shall speak at one time, and shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Each person speaking shall not be interrupted in speech until he gets through, (exception, if he breaks order).

The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no way cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.

No person shall speak more that two times on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

Members shall address each other by Brother or Brethren, or Sisters.

No member shall speak longer than ten minutes at any one time without permission of the moderator.

No member of this Association shall absent themselves from the meeting without leave of the moderator.

GUIDE LINES FOR ORDINATION WITHIN THE LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION

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

This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe fully the Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.

This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe and practice tithing to their church.

This Association ordains no one with a bad character with them that are without.

This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with The World Council of Churches.

This Association will not ordain, or license a woman to preach the Gospel or deacon churches.

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

This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with the charismatic movement.

FREEWILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

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.

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.

CHRIST: Christ is God manifest in the flesh in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord. St. John 1:1-12.

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.

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.

THE SINFULLNESS 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.

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 grounds of salvation by Faith. I John 2:2.

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 Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a Child of God. (3) Continuation of faith and obedience until death II Cor. 7:10, Prov. 28:13.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 Baptist.

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 a.m.

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

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There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of people with mental health problems. The Department of Health (2000) has set out a vision for the future of mental health care, which includes a commitment to 'improving the lives of people with mental health problems'. This vision is based on the principles of recovery, which emphasize the importance of helping people to live meaningful lives and to achieve their goals. Recovery is a process, and it is not always linear. It is a journey that involves overcoming challenges and achieving a sense of purpose and meaning.

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