

MINUTES
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LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

2005-2008



CONVENED AT
WATTSVILLE FWB CHURCH
WATTSVILLE, ALABAMA

AUGUST 18-19, 2006
AUGUST 17-18, 2007
AUGUST 15-16, 2008



Executive Committee Meeting

October 9, 2005

Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan called Executive Committee and Ordaining Council to meet with Wattsville FWB Church for the purpose of ordaining Rev. Alan Crump as he has been called to pastor a church in Georgia.

Executive Committee:

Rev. Larry Morgan
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Sis. Brenda Morgan

Ordaining Council:

Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr.
Rev. Larry Morgan
Bro. Jerome Wyatt
Rev. Johnny Cook

Executive Committee instructed council to examine Rev. Alan Crump.

Moderator, on behalf of the Ordaining Council recommended that Bro. Alan be ordained by the council.

Charge given by Rev. Johnny Cook using scripture from:

II Timothy 4:1
I Timothy 1:18
I Timothy 5: 19-22
II Timothy 2: 1,3,4
II Timothy 2:15, 16, 22-24
I Timothy 6:6, 8, 10-14

Bro. Alan and Sis. Claudia called to come to the altar. Ordaining Council and other Ordained Ministers prayed and laid hands on them.

They were given the right hand of fellowship

**First Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacon's Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
November 18, 2005

Ministers and Deacons who registered:

Rev. Johnny Cook	Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Larry Morgan	Bro. Jerome Wyatt
Rev. Curtis Fuller	Bro. Billy E. Higginbotham
Rev. Roy Jones	Bro. David Lowery

Meeting opened with singing "He Abides" and "Be Ready to Go", led by Rev. Johnny Cook accompanied by Sis Beverly Cook at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Arlie Mitchell.

Welcome and the meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. Previous minutes read by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan. MS&C to accept as read.

Moderator gave a report from the State Association meeting.

New Business: Speaker for February session at Friendship FWB- Rev. Curtis Fuller and Rev. Larry Morgan as alternate.

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Service was turned over to Rev. Johnny Cook for the message. Scripture text Genesis 28:15 "The Presence of God"

Conference left open throughout the session on Saturday.

Announcements- Ragland Christmas play 2nd Sunday instead of usual singing.

Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr.

**First Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
November 19, 2005

Meeting opened with singing "Victory in Jesus" and "Living by Faith" led by Rev. Johnny and Bro. John Jr. Cook accompanied by Sis. Beverly Cook at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Hubert Owen.

Meeting called to order by clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan turning the service over to the Moderator.

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Moderators message from Matthew 14:22-31 "God Does the Impossible"

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Johnny Cook
Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Higginbotham Sr.
Bro. Jerome Wyatt

Devotional Committee

Bro. David Lowery
Bro. Roy Jones
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

Recessed for committees to meet. Prayer led by Rev. Johnny Cook.

Reconvened service with singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder".

Service turned over to the host church for their program. Choir sang "My Real Home", "Camping in Canaan", and "Inside the Gate". Rev. Johnny and Sis. Beverly sang "We won't be in Here Long."

Committee Reports:

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

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Roy Jones be speaker at the next meeting with Rev. Johnny Cook as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Friendship-13

Ragland-8

Wattsville-13

Rev. Johnny Cook gave a report from the Children's Home.
Offering received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$74.77

Bro. John Jr. led "When He Put a Little Sunshine In."

A time of testimony given. Prayer requests made. Rev. Curtis Fuller led the altar prayer.

Morning message brought by Rev. Larry Morgan using scripture from John 14:1-7 "What kind of job are you gonna have in Heaven?"

Invitation given "Just As I Am".

Announcements made.

Reading of minutes. MS&C

Dismissed in prayer led by Rev. Johnny Cook.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
February 17, 2006

Meeting opened with singing "It's a Grand and Glorious Feeling" led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Johnny Cook. Singing "Victory in Jesus" and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder".

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

Moderator gave welcome and Moderators message.

Reading of previous minutes. MS&C

No old business and no committee reports.

New Business: Nomination for speaker at May session at Ragland FWB Rev. Johnny Cook and Rev. Curtis Fuller as alternate MS&C

Conference left open throughout Saturday's session.

Call for prayer requests and altar prayer. Prayer led by Bro. Arlie Mitchell.

Bro. Jerry led "Amazing Grace" and "Blessed Assurance".

Service turned over to Rev. Curtis Fuller using scripture from Matthew 7:13-20.

Announcements made and prayer of dismissal led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association**

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
February 18, 2006

Meeting opened with singing "If we never meet again" led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Bertha Higginbotham at the piano and Bro. Arlie Mitchell. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller. Singing "Heavens Jubilee" and "I Must Tell Jesus".

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderator's Message from II Timothy 2:15 "Study to Show Thy Self Approved Unto God" "Pleasing God". Prayer led by Rev. Larry Morgan.

Roll call of delegates made with substitutions. MS&C

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Johnny Cook
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Bro. Billy E. Higginbotham
Bro. Jerome Wyatt

Devotional Committee

Bro. David Lowery
Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Beverly Cook
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Faye Wilson

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

Reopened service with singing "I've Never Been Sorry".

Special singing by Host Church. Sis. Carol Sears sang "Jesus Use Me" and "What a Day That Will Be." Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears sang "Paul's Ministry" and "Mansions over the Hilltop." Sis. Mary Beth sang "Born to Serve the Lord." Sis. Brenda sang "I Can't Even Walk" and Bro. Arlie Mitchell played "I Would not be Denied" and "He looked Beyond my Fault and saw my Need."

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee have examined the letters of the churches and found them to be in order. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee nominate Bro. Rick Cash for speaker at the May meeting and Bro. Larry Morgan as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Wattsville-4

Ragland-9

Friendship-12

Rev. Johnny Cook brought a report from the Children's Home. MS&C to accept report as information.

Prayer led by Bro. Jerome Wyatt to bless the offering. Received offering for the Children's Home in the amount of \$69.

Moderator asked for prayer request. Altar prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham.

Service turned over to Rev. Roy Jones for morning message.

Rev. Jones gave his testimony and used scripture from James 5:16. Message from Exodus 8:5-10 "Wait til Tomorrow" Jonah 1:15 "Showing our Banner."

Invitation given.

Time given for announcements.

Reading of minutes of this session by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan. MS&C

Service dismissed with prayer led by Bro. Arlie Mitchell.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist
May 19, 2006

Ministers and Deacons who registered:

Rev. Johnny Cook	Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Rev. Larry Morgan	Bro. David Lowery
Rev. Curtis Fuller	Bro. Teddy Cain
	Bro. Jerome Wyatt
	Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham
	Bro. Roy Jones

Meeting opened with singing “When Jesus put a lot of Sunshine in” led by Bro. Johnny Cook accompanied by Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham and Bro. Curtis Fuller. Prayer led by Bro. Vint Arnold. Singing- “When the Redeemed are Gathering In.”

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Called for peace and fellowship and gave opportunity for membership.

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

No unfinished business and no committee reports.

New business: Speaker for Annual Session. Rev. Larry Morgan with Rev. Vint Arnold as alternate. MS&C

Special music and singing by several of the congregation.

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Bro. Arlie Mitchell.

Service turned over to Rev. Johnny Cook for evening message. II Peter 1:1-4 “We are Partakers” Heb. 3:1,14, Heb. 6:4, Heb. 12:8,10.

Ministers and Deacons Conference left open through Saturday session for any business that comes up. Dismissed with prayer.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ragland Free Will Baptist
May 20, 2006

Meeting opened with singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Bro. Jerry Sears and Bro. Billy Higginbotham accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham and Bro. Curtis Fuller. Prayer led by Bro. David Lowery. We also sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Session called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan giving charge to Moderator.

Moderator's message from John 3:3-5.

Roll call of delegates. MS&C toseat delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

Devotional Committee

Rev. Johnny Cook
Bro. Arlie Mitchell
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Jerome Wyatt

Business Committee

Bro. David Wilson
Sis. Betty Dockery
Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham
Bro. Roy Jones
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.

Recessed for committees to meet.

Reconvened meeting with singing. Sis. Brenda Morgan sang "Sinner Saved by Grace", Austin Jones sang "B-I-B-L-E", and Sis. Tressa Fuller sang "No Longer an Orphan."

Service turned over to host Church for program entitled "God Shaped Hole."

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: 1) We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and have found them to be in order. MS&C
2) There is a need for another signature on our checking account. We the Business Committee recommend that Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. be added. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend the following to speak at the Annual meeting in August. Rev. Vint Arnold speaker and Rev. Johnny Cook as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Friendship-9
Ragland-16
Wattsville-9

Children's Home report given by Rev. Johnny Cook. Things are going well with interim director and there are two new sets of house parents. The home is making a difference.

Received offering of \$104 for our Children's Home.

Prayer requests made and met at the altar for prayer.

Service turned over to Bro. Rick Cash for his testimony and presentation. Morning message brought from Proverbs 3:5-10. We received a great challenge for the mission work.

Announcements made that the next meeting in August is the Annual session at Wattsville FWB.

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

Bro. Rick left a request to help pray about a truck purchase for the Camp in Russia.

Bro. Johnny Cook dismissed in prayer and asked blessing on the food.

(The Association received a letter dated June 12, 2006 stating that Friendship FWB Church voted to withdraw from the Liberty No. 2 Association.)

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 18, 2006

Meeting opened with singing "What a Day That Will Be" led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Beverly Cook at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr. Other singing "Just Over In The Gloryland", and "I Feel Like Traveling On."

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. Called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Invitation given for membership-none united.

Previous minutes read. Unfinished business-none.

Moderator brought up the issue concerning our stand against homosexuality and abortion. Discussed establishing a committee to address drafting a resolution to include in our By-Laws. Moderator appointed all Ministers and Deacons of the Liberty No. 2 Association to be on this committee.

Acknowledgments called for-none. No committee reports.

New Business: Election of officers. For Moderator, it was moved, seconded, and passed to retain present Moderator. Assistant Moderator, Bro. Johnny Cook nominated, MS&C. Speaker for November session-Rev. Alan Crump and Rev. Curtis Fuller as alternate. MS&C

Special singing by Sis. Claudia Crump, Sis. Brenda Morgan, and Bro. Johnny Cook.

Service turned over to Rev. Larry Morgan for the message from Genesis 2:7 "The Creation of man by God".

Business session kept open through the Saturday session.

Dismissed in prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
74th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptists**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 19, 2006

Meeting opened with singing "Unclouded Day" led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Beverly Cook. Prayer led by Bro. David Lowery. Additional congregational singing "More About Jesus" and "Are You Washed In The Blood?"

Welcome made by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderator's message from Hebrews 10:13-25.

Roll call of delegates. MS&C to seat delegates

Moderator recommended we dispense with the usual Annual Session committees due to the number needed to fill those positions. Moderator will appoint any Committees needed.

Appointment of Committees:

Business and Auditing Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr.
Bro. David Lowery
Bro. Sherrill Ramsey
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.

Devotional Committee

Bro. Jerry Sears
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Josephine Kay
Sis. Barbara Alverson

Deceased Committee

Sis. Tressa Fuller
Sis. Ruby O'Donnell
Sis. Willie Dean Smith

Dismissed for committees to meet. Prayer led by Bro. Sherrill Ramsey.

Reopened meeting with program presented by host church.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: 1) We the Business Committee find the books and records in order. MS&C 2) We agree with the Minister's and Deacon's Conference recommendation to appoint a committee. The committee is to draft a resolution that will become part of our Constitution and By-Laws. This resolution is in regard to the sanctity of home and that marriage is between a man and a woman. We also believe in the rights of the yet unborn child. Committee made up of all Ministers and Deacons of Liberty No. 2 Association to meet as soon as possible. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee nominate Bro. Ricky Patterson for the speaker at the November meeting and Bro. Johnny Cook as the alternate. MS&C

Deceased Committee: We the Deceased Committee know of only one member that has passed away. Bro. Jimmy Patterson from the Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Johnny Cook gave a report from the Children's Home. Offering received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$55.

Church Count: Ragland-9 Wattsville-17 Visitor-1

Special singing by Sis. Claudia and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol.

Prayer request made. Altar prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Service turned over to Rev. Vint Arnold for morning message. "In Remembrance" using scripture from II Peter 3:1 and II Timothy 1:5. Invitation given.

Went into election of Clerk and Assistant Clerk. Sis. Brenda Morgan and Sis. Mary Beth Morgan, assistant.

Reading of today's minutes. MS&C to accept as read.

Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

**First Quarterly Session of the
75th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 17, 2006

Meeting opened with singing "Grace For Every Need" led by Rev. Larry Morgan and Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller. Singing "Camping in Canaan's Land" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan. Moderator called for peace and fellowship. Opportunity given for membership-none united.

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

Moderator commented on committee to draft declaration of association's stand concerning homosexuality and abortion.

Opportunity given for acknowledgements.

New business: Speaker for February session-Rev. Larry Morgan and Rev. Johnny Cook as alternate. MS&C

Special singing-Austin Jones sang "B-I-B-L-E", Bro. Johnny and Sis. Beverly sang "That Heavenly Home" and "There's A Light Guiding Me", Sis. Brenda Morgan sang "Sinner Saved By Grace", Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr. sang "In God's Hands" and "I Thirst."

Prayer request made. Altar prayer led by Bro. Roy Jones.

Service turned over to Rev. Alan Crump for message from Ezekiel 37:1-14 "Can these bones live?"

Conference left open throughout Saturday's session.

Dismissal prayer led by Rev. Johnny Cook.

**First Quarterly Session of the
75th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 18, 2006

Meeting opened with singing led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham and Rev. Larry Morgan with sis Bertha Higginbotham at the piano. Songs sung were "I'll Fly Away", "Old Gospel Ship", and "I'm In The Gloryland Way". Prayer led by Rev. Johnny Cook.

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderator's message from II Kings 7:1-20. Prayer led by Rev. Larry Morgan.

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Johnny Cook
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Higginbotham
Bro. Jerry Sears
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.

Devotional Committee

Bro. Brian Phillips
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Tressa Fuller
Sis. Mary Beth Morgan
Sis. Faye Wilson

Recess for committees to meet. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Reconvened with singing "Victory In Jesus".

Service was turned over to host church for their program, "The Christmas Play Practice"

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and found them to be in order. We have no other items of business to come before the Association at this time. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Johnny Cook to preach for the February meeting and Bro. Curtis Fuller as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Ragland-17

Wattsville-11

Visitors-1

Report from Children's Home given by Rev. Johnny Cook.

Prayer led by Bro. Jerry Sears. Offering received for Children's Home in the amount of \$67.

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Rev. Larry Morgan.

Special singing "The Altar" sung by Bro. Roy Jones. Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham sang "In God's Hands".

Service turned over to Rev. Ricky Patterson who sang "I Thirst" and then brought the morning message. Scripture from II Chronicles 7:1-3 "Church On Fire". Prayer by Rev. Ricky Patterson.

Invitation given.

Reading of the minutes. MS&C

Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
75th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 16, 2007

Meeting opened with singing "Grand and Glorious Feeling" led by Bro. Jerry Sears with Sis. Beverly Cook at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Johnny Cook. Singing "I Feel Like Traveling On".

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan. Dispensed with invitation for membership.

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

Unfinished business-still need to complete declaration concerning stand church takes on abortion and homosexuality.

Committees to be appointed-none.

Committee reports-none

New business-Speaker for May Ministers and Deacons Conference: Bro. Curtis Fuller and Bro. Roy Jones as alternate. MS&C

Congregational singing "Victory In Jesus". Special singing by Bro. Jerry Sears "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Bro. Johnny and Sis. Beverly Cook sang "My Lord Will Send A Moses" Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears sang "What A Day That Will Be".

Prayer requests made and met at the altar for prayer.

Message from Ezekiel 33:31, 33:1-6 brought by Rev. Larry Morgan.

Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
75th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 17, 2007

Meeting opened with singing led by Bro. Jerry Sears with Sis. Beverly Cook at the piano. Singing "Just Over In The Gloryland" and "Love Lifted Me". Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Rev. Larry Morgan brought Moderator's message from James 4:13.

Roll call of delegates with substitutions. MS&C

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Johnny Cook
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. David Wilson
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.

Devotional Committee

Bro. David Lowery
Sis. Barbara Alverson
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Josephine Kay
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

Recessed for committees to meet. Prayer led by Bro. David Lowery.

Reconvened with congregational singing "Where We'll Never Grow Old".

Service turned over to host church. Church Choir sang "Beautiful", "O The Glory Did Roll", and "In The New Jerusalem Way". Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears sang "Where The Roses Never Fade" and "Crossroads Of My Life".

Committee Reports:

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

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Allen Austin from the Children's Home be the speaker for the May session and Bro. Larry Morgan as alternate. MS&C

Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan spoke briefly concerning resolution that the Ministers and Deacons Conference had voted to draft stating our stand against abortion and homosexuality. It was brought out that it would need to become part of our By-Laws.

Report from Children's Home from Rev. Johnny Cook.

Bro. David Lowery led prayer before offering was taken for Children's Home in the amount of \$85.

Church Count: Ragland-5 Wattsville-18

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Bro. David Wilson.

Rev. Johnny Cook brought the morning message. Scripture taken from Matthew 4:18-20 "Following Who?" Invitation given.

Reading of minutes. MS&C

Dismissal prayer and blessing led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.

Third Quarterly Session of the 75th Annual Session

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
May 18, 2007

No meeting due to lack of attendance.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
75th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ragland Free Will Baptist
May 19, 2007

Session opened with singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham and Rev. Curtis Fuller. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr. Singing "I'll Fly Away".

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderator's message from Matthew 3:1-12. Altar call given.

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Meeting

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Bro. Roy Jones
Bro. Jerry Sears

Devotional Committee

Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Faye Wison
Sis. Lavinia Gallups
Sis. Josephine Kay
Sis. Mary Beth Morgan

Recess for committees to meet.

Reconvened with singing "Amazing Grace".

Service turned over to host church for special singing. Bro. Roy and Austin Jones sang "The Altar" and "Pledge Allegiance To The Lamb", Austin sang "Jesus Loves The Little Children" and "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands", Bro. Billy Earl sang "Sinner Saved By Grace", and Bro. Billy Earl, Sis. Bertha Faye, and Sis. Tressa sang "In God's Hand's" and "I Wanta Go There".

Committee Reports:

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

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend for the Annual meeting in August Rev. Vint Arnold as speaker and Rev. Larry Morgan as alternate. MS&C

Other business: Unfinished business concerning the resolution stating beliefs opposing abortion and homosexuality. Resolution tabled until August session. MS&C

Church Count:

Ragland-15
Wattsville-7
Visitors-1

Prayer requests made and congregation met in altar for prayer. Prayer led by Bro. Curtis Fuller.

Service turned over to Rev. Allan Austin, director of the FWB Children's Home, for a report from the Children's Home and the morning message. Scripture from Hebrews 12:1,2.

Prayer and altar call given.

Offering received for Children's Home in the amount of \$101.

Reading of minutes. MS&C to accept as read

Bro. Curtis Fuller led dismissal prayer and blessing on the food.

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
75th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Meeting
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 17, 2007

Opened with singing "I Have Somebody With Me" led by Bro. Jerry Sears with Sis. Brenda Morgan at piano. Singing "Standing On The Promises" and "This Is Like Heaven To Me".

Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Reading of previous minutes by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan. MS&C to accept as read.

Unfinished business-none

Committee reports-none

New business: Selection of Speaker for next Ministers and Deacons Conference in November at Ragland FWB. Rev. Larry Morgan was nominated. MS&C

Took prayer request for altar prayer. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham.

Testimonies given and special singing by Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears "Life's Railway".

Message from John 14:1-14 by Rev. Curtis Fuller entitled "What's Happening to the Church".

Conference left open through Saturday's session.

Prayer of dismissal led by Rev. Larry Morgan.

**Fourth Quarterly Session and the
75th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 18, 2007

Session opened with singing "I'll Fly Away" led by Bro. Jerry Sears with Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham. Singing "I Shall Not Be Moved" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan giving charge to Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. He reminded the business committee and delegates that we had a resolution to the constitution to be brought off the table.

Moderator asked delegates to consider dispensing with the usual annual committees for this session.

Moderator's Message from Exodus.

Roll call of delegates. MS&C

Motion made, seconded, and passed to dispense with all committees except the Business and Auditing Committee and Devotional Committee.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to remove resolution from the table to give to Business Committee to bring forth for action. Moderator also reminded the Business Committee to bring back nominations for Moderator.

Appointment of Committees:

Business & Auditing Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Bro. David Lowery
Bro. Jerry Sears

Devotional Committee

Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Carol Sears
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Tressa Fuller
Sis. Mary Beth Morgan

Dismissed with prayer led by Bro. Jerry Sears for committees to meet.

Reconvened giving host church charge of the service. Church choir sang "Revive Us Again", "It'll Be Worth It After All", and "Because He Lives". Sis. Carol Sears sang "I Counted on Paul" and "What A Day That Will Be". Sis. Brenda and Mary Beth Morgan sang "Somebody Touched Me".

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: 1) We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and found them to be in order. 2) We also read the two resolutions concerning the sanctity of life of the yet unborn child and marriage is between a man and a woman and found them to be in order and do accept them. 3) We recommend Rev. Larry Morgan for Moderator for the next 2 year term with Rev. Curtis Fuller as Assistant Moderator. MS&C each item

Devotional Committee: 1) We the Devotional Committee recommend that Rev. Robert Richardson preach at the Saturday morning session at Ragland FWB in November and that Rev. Larry Morgan be the alternate. 2) We also ask the Association to compensate Ministers out of the Association when asked to come, according to the distance they have to travel. MS&C each item

Church Count: Ragland-7 Wattsville-10

Floor opened for nominations for Children's Home Trustee-asked for a volunteer. No one volunteered. Moderator asked everyone to pray about it and let us know if they could fill the position.

Offering for Children's Home received in the amount of \$52.

Prayer requests taken. Altar prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Service turned over to Rev. Vint Arnold for the morning message. Scripture from Jeremiah 1:4-9 2:13 6:16 8:5,6 20:2,7 31:3
"A Journey Through Jeremiah"

Reading of minutes. MS&C to accept as read

Dismissal prayer led by Br. Jerry Sears.

**First Quarterly Session of the
76th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 16, 2007

Not enough in attendance to carry out meeting.

**First Quarterly Session of the
76th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 17, 2007

Session opened with singing "I Want To Know More About My Lord" led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at piano and Bro. Curtis Fuller on guitar. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr. Singing "Victory In Jesus" and "I Never Shall Forget The Day".

Moderator's message was taken from Hebrews 6.

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

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Jerry Sears
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Rev. Larry Morgan

Devotional Committee

Sis. Carol Sears
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Tressa Fuller
Sis. Josephine Kay

Dismissed for committees to meet. Prayer led by Bro. Larry Morgan.

Service turned over to the host Church for their program. Austin Jones sang "He's Still Working On Me", "I'm In The Lord's Army", "Angels Watching Over You" and "B-I-B-L-E". Bro. Roy and Austin sang "I Pledge Allegiance To The Lamb". Bro. Billy Higginbotham sang "In God's Hands" and "Pray". Sis. Brenda Morgan sang "Sinner Saved By Grace".

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: 1) We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and find that the Wattsville church sent \$5 too much for their fee. MS&C to return overpayment. 2) Due to the Ministerial Standing Committee not meeting at the Annual meeting there was no recommendation concerning certificates of standing. We the Business Committee recommend that all Ordained Ministers and Deacons be given certificates of standing by the Association. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Rev. Robert Richardson preach at the February session at Wattsville with Rev. Curtis Fuller as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Ragland-10

Wattsville-7

Offering received for Children's Home in the amount of \$43.25.

Prayer request made and had altar prayer.

Sis. Carol and Bro. Jerry Sears sang "What A Day That Will Be" as requested.

Morning message brought by Rev. Larry Morgan using Hebrews 4:1-12 and Matthew 7:13.

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

Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
76th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 15, 2008

Bro. Larry Morgan led several songs accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano.

Business portion of the meeting postponed til Saturday because there was not a quorum to conduct business.

Rev. Larry Morgan brought message using scripture text
Matthew 14:22-32.

Dismissed in prayer.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
76th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 16, 2008

Meeting opened with singing "Love Lifted Me", "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" and "Standing On The Solid Rock" led by Bro. Jerry Sears with Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Prayer led by Bro. Curtis Fuller.

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. He made mention that we were also in the Ministers and Deacons meeting.

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

Moderators message from Romans 6:1-6,14.

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Larry Morgan
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Rev. Alan Crump

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham
Sis. Martha Lowery
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Claudia Crump
Sis. Tressa Fuller

Recessed for committees to meet. Prayer led by Bro. Billy E. Higginbotham.

Reopened service with singing. Turned service over to host church who presented their program entitled "Time Has Made A Change."

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: 1) We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and find that they are in order. We recommend that they be accepted. 2) The letter from the Wattsville Church has requested that Rev. Alan Crump be given a certificate of standing as an Ordained Minister. Upon acknowledgment of Rev. Crump to the Ministers and Deacons Conference and this Association. We recommend that he be issued a certificate of good standing. 3) Rev. Alan Crump is speaker for Ministers and Deacons conference in May 2008 with Rev. Larry Morgan as alternate. MS&C each item

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Keith Robinson bring the morning message in May and that Bro. Vint Arnold be the alternate. MS&C

Church Count: Ragland-6 Wattsville-19 Visitors-1

Offering for Children's Home in the amount of \$75.41.

Prayer requests made and altar prayer led by Bro. Curtis Fuller.

Morning message was brought by Rev. Robert Richardson using II Chronicles 34:14-30 "How did the word of God get lost in the church"

Reading of minutes. MS&C to accept as read

Dismissed with prayer and blessing led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
76th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
May 16, 2008

Meeting opened with singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" led by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderator dispensed with reading of minutes and formal business session to expedite service so Bro. Fuller could go be with his wife.

Class singing "At Calvary". Special singing by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham "I Thirst" and "In God's Hand's". Sis. Brenda sang "Sinner Saved By Grace".

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham.

Service turned over to Rev. Alan Crump for the message. Scripture from I Peter 5:1-3 I Timothy 3:1 Acts 6:1-4 Matthew 5:13-16

Session left open throughout Saturday's session.

Speaker for next Ministers and Deacons Conference to be taken care of in the Association meeting.

Dismissal prayer led by Rev. Larry Morgan.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
76th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
May 17, 2008

Meeting opened with singing "I'm In The Gloryland Way" led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham at the piano.

Prayer led by Bro. Alan Crump.

Singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "Glad Reunion Day".

Called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Moderator's message was from I Corinthians 2:1-10.

Roll call of delegates. MS&C to seat delegates

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Bro. David Lowery
Rev. Alan Crump
Bro. Jerry Sears

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Sis. Lavinia Gallups
Sis. Martha Lowery
Sis. Mary Beth Morgan
Sis. Josephine Kay

Recessed to allow committees to meet. Prayer led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

Reconvened with singing "What A Friend", "Gospel Ship", and "Victory In Jesus".

Special singing by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr. "In God's Hands" and "I Thirst" and Bro. Keith Robinson sang "I Won't Have To Worry Anymore".

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee find the letters in order with no further business. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Rev. Alan Crump be the speaker with Roy Jones as alternate at the August Session. MS&C

Church Count:

Ragland-6

Wattsville-15

Visitors-3

Offering for Children's Home in the amount of \$76.

Business of Ministers and Deacons Conference: Floor opened for nominations for speaker at August session. Bro. Larry Morgan nominated with Rev. Curtis Fuller as alternate. MS&C.

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham.

Rev. Keith Robinson brought morning message using scripture from Jeremiah 50:22 "The Battle".

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

Dismissed with prayer and blessing led by Bro. David Lowery.

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
76th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 15, 2008

Not enough in attendance to carry out meeting.

**Fourth Quarterly Session and the
76th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 16, 2008

Meeting opened with singing "Holy Manna" led by Bro. Jerry Sears and Sis. Claudia Crump with Sis. Brenda at the piano.

Only one church represented so no business was taken care of. Worship service only.

Special singing by Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears "What A Day That Will Be" and "Life's Railway To Heaven". Sis. Brenda Morgan and Sis. Claudia Crump sang "Majesty" and "He Is Lord" and Bro. Larry Morgan sang "Child Of The King".

Morning message brought by Rev. Alan Crump using scripture from I Kings 18:1-39 "How long halt ye between two opinions"

Dismissed with prayer.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERTY #2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I. NAME-This Association shall be known as The Liberty #2 Association of Free Will 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:

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 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. (August 2003 -Annual session dues increased to \$135.00)

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. We as members of the churches in the Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist do hereby accept these two resolutions concerning the sanctity of life of the yet unborn child and marriage between a man and a woman. The Bible establishes that life begins at conception, (Jeremiah 1:5). We then are convinced by the word of God that ending or altering this life is wrong. Marriage is also established by God and his word. In the book of Genesis 2:24 God established marriage as a union between a man and a woman. We therefore as members and churches in the Liberty No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist do hereby adopt these resolutions on this 18th day of August in the year 2007.

ARTICLE XV. 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

1. When the quarterly and annual sessions 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 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 minutes at any one time without permission of the moderator.
8. 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

1. This Association ordains no man that has more than one living wife, nor a man whose wife has more than one 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 Savior 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 provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires. Psalms 22:17, 97:2.
6. 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.
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 grounds 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 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.
9. ELECTION: God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men became His elect. I Tim. 2:4.
10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL: The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit and live; or to resist them and perish. Joshua 24:17.

11. SALVATION FREE: God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.
12. PERSEVERANCE: All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. St. John 15:15, II Peter 2:20-22.
13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES: Baptism or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances perpetuate under the Gospel; feet washing an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation and to be ministers to all true believers. Mark 16:15, II Cor. 4:5, St. John 13:14.
14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH: The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3, Exodus 20:8-11.
15. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION: The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life". John 5:29, Matt. 25:46.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all 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. Acknowledgements
9. Committee Reports
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

The Annual Association meets on Friday night at 7:00 and on Saturday morning at 9:00 before the third Sunday in August each year.

The Quarterly meetings meet on Saturdays before the third Sunday in November, February, and May of each year at 9:00 AM.

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



