

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

2009-2010



CONVENED AT
WATTSVILLE FWB CHURCH
WATTSVILLE, ALABAMA

AUGUST 13-14, 2010



**First Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacon's Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 13, 2009

Meeting opened with singing "Lilly of the Valley" led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Ricky Patterson. We also sang "I'll Fly Away" and "He put a Little Sunshine In".

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

Prayer request made for nation, churches and leadership.

Moderator called for Peace and fellowship and gave opportunity for membership. None united.

Previous minutes read by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan. MS&C to accept as read.

New Business: Speaker for February session at Wattsville FWB- Rev. Curtis Fuller and Rev. Ricky Patterson as alternate.

Special singing: Bro. Roy Jones sang "Please Forgive Me", Sis Brenda Morgan sang "I Can't Even Walk", Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr. sang "If You Only Knew" and Bro. Ricky Patterson sang "Thank You Lord" and "Winner Either Way".

Service was turned over to Rev. Ricky Patterson for the message. Scripture text Mark 2:1-12 "No Business Like Soul Business- How to Build a Church".

Prayer request made, altar prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Conference left open throughout the session on Saturday.

**First Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 14, 2009

Meeting opened with singing “When The Roll is Called Up Yonder” ,
“He Set Me Free” and “I Have Found the Way” led by Bro. Jerry Sears
accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Prayer led by Bro.
Billy Higginbotham, Sr.

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

Moderators message- Rev. Larry Morgan read an article by Rev. Billy
Sunday entitled “Nobody Cares for my Soul”.

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

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

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Sis. Lavinia Gallups
Sis. Martha Lowery
Sis. Barbara Alverson

Recessed for committees to meet. Prayer led by Rev. Ricky Patterson.

Reconvened service with singing Special singing by Bro. Roy Jones,
Austin Jones, Rev. Larry Morgan, Sis. Brenda Morgan, Sis. Heather
Phillips, Billy Higginbotham, Jr., Sis. Tressa Fuller, Bro. Billy
Higginbotham, Sr. and Rev. Ricky Patterson.

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

We have received notice that Sis. Mary Beth Morgan wishes to resign as Assistant Clerk. We therefore ask that the moderator nominate a person to serve as Assistant Clerk subject to approval of the body. MS&C. Moderator nominated Lavinia Gallups. MS&C and proceed by acclamation.

We have received information that there is a balance of \$5,200.00 in the treasury. We ask that we prayerfully consider how to best use these funds. MS&C

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

Church Count:

Ragland-10

Wattsville-10

Offering received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$59.00.

Prayer requests and altar prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Morning message brought by Rev. Larry Morgan using scripture from John 3:3-4 "How to be Saved".

Invitation given.

Announcements made.

Reading of minutes. MS&C

Dismissed in prayer.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 19, 2010

Meeting opened with singing "I'll Fly Away", "Won't It Be Wonderful There", led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Paul Dockery. Singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder".

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

Moderator called for peace and fellowship. Doors opened for membership. None united. Everyone invited to take part in worship service.

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. Paul Dockery and Rev. Larry Morgan as alternate MS&C

Conference left open throughout Saturday's session.

Call for prayer requests and altar prayer. Prayer led by Bro. David Wilson.

Special singing by Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears and Bro. Henry Barber.

Service turned over to Rev. Curtis Fuller using scripture from 1 Timothy 3:1-4.

Prayer of dismissal led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.

**Second Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 20, 2010

Meeting opened with singing “That Will be a Glad Reunion Day” led by Bro. Jerry Sears, also playing the guitar. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr. We also sang “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” and “This is Like Heaven to Me”.

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

Moderator’s Message from Daniel 3:13-18 “Determined to Serve God No Matter What” by Rev. Larry Morgan.

Roll call of delegates made with substitutions. MS&C

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.
Bro. David Wilson
Bro. Jerry Sears
Rev. Larry Morgan

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Martha Lowery
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

Bro. Henry Barber led prayer to dismiss for committees to meet.

Reopened service with singing by Bro. Henry Barber, Brianna Dockery, Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears.

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 Rev. Robert Richardson for speaker at the May meeting and Rev. Curtis Fuller as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Wattsville-12

Ragland-5

Prayer led by Bro. David Wilson to bless the offering. Received offering for the Children's Home in the amount of \$49.00.

Moderator asked for prayer request. Altar prayer led by Rev. Larry Morgan.

Rev. Keith Robinson brought the morning message, using scripture from John 15:1-5.

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 Rev. Curtis Fuller.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference

Ragland Free Will Baptist

May 14, 2010

Meeting opened with singing "I'm In the Gloryland Way" led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. accompanied by Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham and Bro. Curtis Fuller. Prayer led by Rev. Paul Dockery. Singing- "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "His Love Lights the Way".

Meeting called to order by Clerk Sis. Brenda 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. Paul Dockery as alternate. MS&C

Special singing by Ragland Trio and Bro. Henry Barber.

Prayer requests made. Altar prayer led by Bro. Henry Barber.

Rev. Paul Dockery brought the evening message using scripture from Luke 9:62 "Don't Quit on God".

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

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

**Third Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ragland Free Will Baptist
May 15, 2010

Meeting opened with singing “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” led by Bro. Jerry Sears and Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham and Bro. Curtis Fuller. Prayer led by Bro. David Wilson. We also sang “The Old Gospel Ship” and “When We All Get to Heaven.”

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

Moderator’s message from Matthew 6:24 and I Kings 18:21 “Making A Decision to Follow God”.

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

Appointment of Committees:

Devotional Committee

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

Business Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham
Sis. Martha Lowery

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

Reconvened meeting with special singing by the Ragland Trio, April Campbell and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee have examined the church letters and have found them to be in order. MS&C
We the business committee met with Rev. Paul Dockery and discussed his credentials as an ordained minister, having been ordained as a minister at the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Rev. Keith Robinson preach at the Annual session in August and Rev. Paul Dockery as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Ragland-7

Wattsville-7

Prayer to bless offering led by Rev. Curtis Fuller. Offering received in the amount of \$67.00 for our Children's Home.

Prayer requests made and altar prayer led by Rev. Paul Dockery.

Service turned over to Rev. Robert Richardson. Morning message brought from Acts 27:14-25, "When things go bad, we don't have to go with them."

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

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

Testimonies given. Special prayer for Sis. Tressa Fuller led by Rev. Robert Richardson.

Bro. Jerry Sears dismissed in prayer and asked blessing on the food.

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 13, 2010

Meeting opened with singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There" led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Brenda Morgan at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller. Other singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", and "There's Power in the Blood."

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan. Call for peace and fellowship.

Called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan.

Previous minutes read. MS&C to accept as read.

New Business: Speaker for November session-Rev. Larry Morgan and Rev. Paul Dockery as alternate. MS&C. Election of officers. For Moderator, it was moved, seconded, and passed to retain present Moderator.

Special singing by Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears, and the Ragland Trio.

Prayer request made by moderator for the local, state and national association.

Rev. Larry Morgan brought the message using Romans 6:23 "For the Wages of Sin is Death".

Business session kept open through the Saturday session.

Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

**Fourth Quarterly Session of the
78th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 14, 2010

Meeting opened with singing “I’m in a New World”, “I’m Going That Way”, and “Heaven’s Jubilee” led by Bro. Jerry Sears accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr.

Welcome made by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

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

Moderator’s message from Genesis 30:25.

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.
Rev. Paul Dockery
Bro. Jerry Sears

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr.
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Lavinia Gallups
Sis. Carol Sears

Dismissed for committees to meet. Prayer led by Rev. Paul Dockery. Reopened meeting with program presented by host church. Special singing by Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carol Sears.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee find the books and records in order. MS&C. We recommend that \$2000.00 be given to Rev. Barry Long and family missionary account, that \$2000.00 be given to the Children's Home leaving a balance of \$1548.00 in the treasury for the expenses of the association. We recommend that we give ministers and deacons cards of good standing. MS&C

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee nominate Rev. Paul Dockery for the speaker at the November meeting and Rev. Curtis Fuller as the alternate. MS&C

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. prayed the blessing over the offering received for the Children's Home. The amount was \$76.

Church Count: Ragland-5 Wattsville-8

Special singing by the Ragland Trio.

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

Service turned over to Rev. Keith Robinson for song and morning message. "The Work to be Done" using scripture from John 9:1-4. Invitation given.

Announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned with prayer and blessing led by Bro. Henry Barber.

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 that 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.



