

MINUTES

OF THE

LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST



2011-2013

**First Quarterly Session of the
80th Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

Ministers and Deacon's Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
November 18, 2011

Meeting opened with singing, led by Rev. Larry Morgan accompanied by Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham.

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan, giving charge of the service to the moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan.

Minutes of previous meeting read. Accepted as read.

No unfinished business. No committee reports.

New business: Speaker for February session. Rev. Curtis Fuller nominated. Moved and seconded that nominations close and elect by acclamation.

Special singing by the Ragland Trio.

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

Rev. Paul Dockery brought evening message from I Cor. 6:19-20. "If you belong to God; Act like it."

Adjournment prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham.

**First Quarterly Meeting
November 19, 2011**

Hosted by
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church

Session opened with singing led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham accompanied by Sis. Bertha Faye Higginbotham at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Paul Dockery.

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

Rev. Larry Morgan brought Moderator's message from Roman's 6:23

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Paul Dockery
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. David Wilson
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham
Bro. Jerry Sears

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Carol Sears
Sis. Faye Wilson

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

Reconvened service with special singing by the Ragland Trio.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee find the church letters in order and recommend that they be accepted. MS&C

We the Business Committee recommend the association meet twice a year in February and August. (Motion made to table this item and vote on next session since it involves change in constitution.)

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Rev. Joshua Dorough be speaker at the February meeting with Rev. Larry Morgan as alternate. MS&C

Church Count:

Ragland - 6

Wattsville – 7

Children's Home Report – Rev. Danny Williams

Offering received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$86.00.

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

Morning message brought by Rev. Glenn Morgan. Scripture text from Psa. 91:1-16, Matt. 22:27, and Rom. 13:1 "Our Relationship with God"

Announcements called for.

Reading of this session's minutes. MSC as read.

Adjournment prayer and blessing led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

**Second Quarterly
Ministers and Deacons Conference**
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
February 17, 2012

Meeting opened with singing with Bro. Jerry Sears leading and playing guitar. Prayer led by Rev. Paul Dockery.

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

Reading of previous minutes. MS&C

No unfinished business. No committee reports.

New Business: Speaker for next session of minister's and deacons conference. Rev. Paul Dockery nominated. Motion and second to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Rev. Larry Morgan nominated as alternate. MS to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Special Singing by Bro. Henry Barber, Ragland Trio, and Brianna Dockery.

Prayer requests made and altar prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham.

Service turned over to Rev. Curtis Fuller for the evening message. Scripture used James 1:4-6,7-18, and I Peter 1:7. Conference left open throughout Saturday's session.

Prayer of dismissal led by Bro. Henry Barber.

Second Quarterly Meeting of the Association

February 18, 2012

Hosted by
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with singing led by Bro. Jerry Sears. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr.

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

Assistant Moderator took charge of service to receive apology from Bro. Larry for resigning out of order. Vote of confidence taken to keep Bro. Larry as Moderator. MSC

Moderator's Message by Moderator, Rev. Larry Morgan was from Ezekiel 33:1-6.

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

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Rev. Paul Dockery
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr
Bro. Jerry Sears
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr

Devotional Committee

Bro. Steve Gallups
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham
Sis. Martha Lowery
Sis. Barbara Alverson
Sis. Carol Sears

Recessed for Committees to meet. Prayer led Rev. Curtis Fuller.

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

Committee Reports:

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

We the business committee recommend each church bring letter of vote to change meeting to two times a year, Feb and August. MSC to take back to churches and bring their recommendations back to the next meeting in May.

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Rick Cash as speaker for the next session with Bro.Keith Robinson as alternate.

Church Count:

Wattsville - 9

Ragland – 9

Reports from Rev. Rick Cash and the Executive Board read by Moderator. Received as information.

Received offering for the Children's Home in the amount of \$60.00.

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

Singing by Ragland Quartet.

Morning message brought by Rev. Larry Morgan using Jeremiah 13:1-12 and Ezekiel 33:1-5 & 17-24.

Announcements made. Singing at Wattsville Church on Feb. 25 @ 7:00 with The Enlighteners.

Reading of minutes of this session by Clerk, Sis. Brenda Morgan. MSC to accept minutes as read.

Adjournment prayer and blessing of food led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

Third Quarterly Session of the
Ministers and Deacons Conference
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church
May 18, 2012

Meeting opened with singing Amazing Grace led by Rev. Larry Morgan, accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham and Rev. Curtis Fuller. Prayer led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham. Congregation sang "Just a little talk with Jesus". Special singing by the Ragland Trio, and Brianna Dockery.

Meeting called to order by Clerk Sis. Brenda Morgan giving charge of the meeting to the moderator.

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

No unfinished business. No committee reports.

New Business: Speaker for next session in August at Wattsville. Rev. Curtis Fuller and Rev. Larry Morgan nominated. Motion and second to select Bro. Fuller as speaker and Bro. Larry as alternate. MSC

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

Service turned over to Rev. Paul Dockery for the evening message. Scripture used in message was I Sam. 17:28-29 "Is there not a cause?"

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

Dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Third Quarterly Meeting

May 19, 2012

Hosted by
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with singing led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham--“ No Tears in Heaven, I feel like traveling on, When the roll is called up yonder”. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Welcome given by Moderator. Moderator’s message was from Gal. 2:20, “Counting the cost of our Salvation”.

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.

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Rev. Paul Dockery
Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Sr
Bro. David Wilson
Bro. Steve Gallups

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr
Sis. Lavinia Gallups
Sis. Carol Sears
Sis. Martha Lowery

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

Reconvened meeting with special singing by host church. Sis. Tressa Fuller sang “It’s wrong or it’s right”.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the business committee find the church letters in order and recommend they be accepted. MSC

We the business committee recommend raising our yearly association fees to \$185.00 to match the increase from the State Association. MSC

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Rev. Rick Cash be the guest speaker at the August meeting and Rev. Paul Dockery be the alternate. MS&C

Singing of "I'm in the Gloryland Way".

Church Count:

Wattsville - 10

Ragland - 8

Report from Executive Office read and received as information.

Prayer led by Bro. Steve Gallups. Offering received in the amount of \$49.00 for the Children's Home.

Prayer requests made and met in altar for prayer.

Morning message by Rev. Keith Robinson. "God will not change his Standards." Ecc. 3:14-15

Announcements: VBS @ Wattsville FWB June 9th.

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

Dismissed in prayer and asked blessing on the food.

**Fourth Quarterly Session and the
80th Annual Session**

Ministers and Deacons Conference
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
August 17, 2012

Meeting opened with singing led by Bro. Jerry Sears. Prayer led by Bro. David Wilson.

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

Peace and fellowship called for by Moderator.

Minutes of previous meeting read. MS&C to accept as minutes as read.

New Business:

Election of moderator for upcoming year. Rev. Larry Morgan nominated. Bro David Wilson made motion that nominations close and elect by acclamation. S & C. Rev. Curtis Fuller nominated as assistant moderator. Nominations closed and elected by acclamation.

Selection of speaker for next session. Rev. Larry Morgan nominated. MSC. Rev. Keith Robinson nominated as alternate. MSC

Special singing by Ragland Trio and Sis. Tressa Fuller.

Message brought by Rev. Curtis Fuller using scripture from I Thess. 5:15-22 and II Thess. 2:1-4.

Meeting left open through session on Saturday.

Dismissed with prayer.

**Fourth Quarterly Session and the
80th Annual Session of the
Association
August 18, 2012**

Hosted by
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with singing led by Bro. Jerry Sears. Prayer led by Bro. David Wilson. Additional hymns sung.

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

Bro. Larry Morgan gave Moderator's message using scripture from John 21:3.

Roll called and MS&C to seat delegates.

Moderator appointed necessary Committees.

Business and Auditing Committee

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

Devotional Committee

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

Deceased Committee

Sis. Carolyn Sears
Sis. Barbara Alverson
Sis. Lavinia Gallups

Recessed to allow committees to meet. Prayer led by Bro. Curtis Fuller

Reopened meeting with class singing. Host church presented program of special singing by Bro. Jerry and Sis. Carolyn Sears.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee find the church books and church letters in order and recommend they be accepted. MS&C. We the business committee make a motion before the association to meet semi-annually on the 3rd Saturday in September and the 3rd Saturday in March. MS&C Moved to change Constituion to accommodate for the Semi-Annual meeting changes. Vote was unanimous.

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Russell Bean be the speaker at the next meeting. The alterna speaker to be Bro. Rick Andrews. MS&C

Deceased Committee: We the Deceased Committee report the home going of one member, Sis. Willie Dean Smith from the Wattsville Church. Motion made to accept the report and observe a moment of silent prayer in Sis. Willie Dean's memory. S&C

Children's Home report given by Rev. Rick Cash. He also reported on Act 1:8.

Offering received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$77.00.

Church Count: Ragland-8 Wattsville-6

Prayer request made and altar prayer.

Rev. Rick Cash brought the morning message. "Laborers together with God" using scripture from I Cor. 3:9.

Invitation given.

Election of Clerk: Nominations opened. Motion made to keep Sis. Brenda Morgan. MS&C to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. elected as Assistant Clerk. MS&C

Announcements called for.

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

Meeting adjourned with prayer and blessing led by Bro. Jerry Sears.

**Semi-Annual Session of the
81st Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association of
Free Will Baptist**

No Ministers and Deacon's Conference held in March.

**Semi-Annual Session of the
Association**

March 16, 2013

Hosted by
Ragland Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with singing, led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr
Accompanied by Sis. Bertha Higginbotham at the piano. Prayer
led by Bro. Steve Gallups.

Welcome given by Moderator.

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

Moderator's message from Luke 16:19-31.

Roll called and it was MSC to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees

Business Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr
Bro. Steve Gallups
Bro. Curtis Jones

Devotional Committee

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

Recessed to allow committees to meet. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis
Fuller.

Reopened service with special singing by Children of the Church,
The Ragland Church Quartet, Bro. Curtis Jones and Bro. Keith
Robinson.

Committee Reports:

Business Committee: We the Business Committee Recommend to raise our fees to \$185.00 each semi-annual and annual meeting to cover the State Association fees and expenses of our Association. MSC

We the Business Committee recommend to accept the Church letters. We find them in order. MSC

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend that Bro. Russell Bean be the speaker at the September meeting and that Bro. Keith Robinson be the alternate. MSC

Church Count:

Ragland – 11

Wattsville – 5

Prayer led by Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr. Offering received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$39.00.

Morning message by Rev. Keith Robinson using scripture from I Sam. 21:8 "The King's Business requires haste".

Clerk pointed out changes made in the constitution and it was MSC to accept those changes.

Announcements made.

Minutes of this session read. MSC to accept minutes as read.

Adjournment prayer and blessing led by Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr.

81st Annual Session
Ministers and Deacons Conference

Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church
September 20, 2013

Meeting opened with singing. Prayer led by Rev. Curtis Fuller.

Special singing by Bro. Billy Earl, Sis. Bertha Faye, and Sis. Brenda.

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

Moderator mentioned that this session would be time to select Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Bro. Fuller was asked to bring word to us tonight from the scriptures.

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

Service turned over to Rev. Fuller for the message. Testimonies called for and given. Message was from II Timothy 2:1-21.

Motion made to leave Moderator and Assistant as is. MSC by acclamation to keep Rev. Larry Morgan as Moderator and Rev. Curtis Fuller as Assistant Moderator.

Speaker for March: Rev Larry Morgan nominated and Rev. Curtis Fuller as alternate. MSC.

Service dismissed in prayer, leaving the conference open throughout the session on Saturday.

**81st Annual Session of the
Liberty No. 2 Association
September 21, 2013**

Hosted by
Wattsville Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with singing. Prayer was led by Bro. David Wilson.

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

Moderators Message by Rev. Larry Morgan using II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God."

Delegates names called and MSC to seat the delegates.

Appointment of Committees:

Business and Auditing Committee

Rev. Curtis Fuller
Bro. Billy Earl Higginbotham, Sr
Bro. David Wilson
Bro. Steve Gallups

Devotional Committee

Bro. Billy Higginbotham, Jr
Sis. Faye Wilson
Sis. Tressa Fuller
Sis. Martha Lowery

Deceased Committee

Sis. Carol Sears
Sis. Barbara Alverson
Sis. Bertha Higginbotham

Recessed to allow committees to meet. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Steve Gallups.

Re-opened meeting with singing. Special singing by Ragland Church Group.

Committee Reports

Business Committee: We the Business Committee find all the church letters in order. We recommend to accept them. MSC

We the Business Committee find the Association Treasury Report and Books in order and recommend them to be accepted. MSC

Devotional Committee: We the Devotional Committee recommend Rev. Woody Higginbotham be the guest speaker for the March 2014 meeting and Alternate speaker to be Rev. Curtis Fuller. MSC

Deceased Committee: We the Deceased Committee find one member of the Wattsville Church has gone home; Sis. Judy Bates. Ragland had none. MSC to accept report and observe moment of silence in Sis. Judy's memory.

Clerk read reports from The Children's Home and Executive Board. Reports received as information.

Offering for Children's Home received in the amount of \$38.00.

Election of Officers: Rev. Larry Morgan nominated as Moderator. MSC to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Rev. Curtis Fuller nominated as Assistant Moderator. MSC to close nominations and elect by acclamation.

Morning Message brought by Rev. Larry Morgan using scripture from II Timothy 3:14-17. "Continue thou in the things you have learned."

Reading of minutes of this session. MSC to accept as read.

Dismissed in prayer and blessing on food led by Bro. Steve Gallups.

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 Semi-annual 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 at the following Semi-annual 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 an independent church or another denomination must first unite with one of the churches of this Association for not less than one year. Then be examined by the Credentials-Examining Committee according to the Holy Scriptures and the Faith and Practices of the Treatise of the Free Will Baptists. This committee will then make their recommendation for a vote of the delegation.

ARTICLE IV. REPRESENTATION - Each church is expected to be represented at the Semi-annual and Annual associational sessions.

Section 1. Each church shall be represented at the Semi-annual 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 both sessions.

Section 3. Each church shall pay an entrance fee of \$185.00 for each session to help with the printing of the minutes. Whenever the state raises their dues, we automatically raise ours to meet the necessary fees.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS – The Semi-annual meeting of churches shall meet on the 3rd Saturday of March. Any business of this meeting is subject to approval of the annual session of The Liberty #2 Association which meets the 3rd Saturday of September.

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 Semi-annual 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 Semi-Annual 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 September session and he must have attended at least one conference before being elected. Clerk & assistant also are elected.
2. This Conference shall meet two 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 Semi-annual 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. II 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.4:4-6.
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 the 3rd Saturday of September at 9:00.

The Semi-annual meeting is on the 3rd Saturday of March at 9:00 a.m.

Ministers and Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m. on Friday before the Annual Session and also on Friday before the Semi-annual session at 7:00 p.m.



