

Minutes of the 24th Annual Session

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of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists which commenced with the Coker Church August 1 & 2 1961.

Tuesday Morning

The Tuesday Morning session was called to order by Rev. E. E. Vestal, The congregation sang "The way of the cross leads home", prayer by Rev. Henry Long, Hymn "Victory in Jesus", Rev. E. E. Vestal read for a Scripture Lesson the 12th chapter of Hebrews. Letters were read, approved & delegates seated from the following churches: Springfield First Church, Amity, Lynn St, Oak Grove, Blacks and Macedonia, Little Pine, Monroe, Waynesville, Coker & Liberty. A corresponding letter was from the Mission Association and a Motion made & carried to receive the letter & seat the delegates.

Rev. E. E. Vestal was elected as Moderator for the sitting of this session. Rev. Robert Carlson was elected assistant Moderator. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Business Committee

Rev. Cliff Bowman  
Rev. Edward Chenev  
Rev. David Jones  
Charity Committee  
Lis andel Alexander  
Lis April Hyde

Sis Leba Harrell  
Temperance Committee  
Sis Lais Hightower  
Sis Anger Moskey  
Sis Betty Alford

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Tuesday 11:00 " clock

Services opened with congregation  
singing when the roll is called up  
order. Prayer by Rev. Gabe Gage.  
Hymn "Heaven's Jubilee". Rev. Jimmie  
Johnson & Rev. Cliff Bowman brought  
the message at this time using for  
the scripture lesson the 3rd chapter  
of Matt. a hymn was sung in good  
old fashion handshake was enjoyed by  
all present.

Dismissed for the noon hour.

Tuesday afternoon

The services opened by singing  
the hymn "Come unto Me". The  
Assistant Moderator Rev. Robert  
Carlson read for a scripture lesson  
the 95th Chapter of psalms. Prayer  
by Rev. Selph Jones. A special song  
was rendered at this time by Sis  
Lola Long, Sis Annel Alexander, Sis  
Stella Kivela, & Sis Mickey Cummins.  
Rev. Gabe Gage from Alkholma was  
recognized & gave a talk which was  
enjoyed by all present.

Rev. W. M. Reeves & Rev. Denny Long  
brought the Communion & felt  
washing message at time time, reading

the 3 chapters of Colossians for the

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Scripture Lesson. Rev. Henry Long had charge of the Communion & felt preaching at this time. Prayers were offered by Bro Warden & Bro Lannie Heckard. A verbal report was given by Rev. Lester Hilton from the Arkow church. A motion was made & carried that we receive this report given by Rev. Hilton.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. James Johnson.

### Tuesday Night

Tuesday evening services opened with the congregation singing. Prayers were offered by Rev. Beall & Rev. W. L. Parker. Special singing by Mrs. Benell Walters & Mrs. Dora Macaroy. Rev. David Jones brought the message at this time using for his scripture text the 13th chapter of Mark. At the close of the message a hymn was sung & a good old fashion handshake was enjoyed by all present. The benediction was prayed by Rev. Lanern Jones.

### Wednesday Morning

The Wednesday morning session was called to order by congregation singing. "It's really surprising" & "Beautiful". Prayer by Rev. Cliff Brown. Hymn "Sunshine in the

Saul". The Moderator Rev. E. E. Vestal

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read for a scripture lesson the 39<sup>th</sup> Chapter of psalms. Motion was made & carried we receive the corresponding letter from the Cone Springs Association - I sat the delegates. Letter was read approved & delegates seated from Lebanon First Church. Motion made & carried we send 5 delegates to the state association I let each church send their own delegates. Motion made & carried we send the following delegates. Sis Dorothy Mosser, Sis Abel Alexander, Sis Gladys Montgomery, Sis Marie Bray & Sis Stella Walton.

Wednesday 11:00'clock

The services opened by singing the hymns, "If we never meet again this side of heaven". I maybe its you & maybe its me. Rev. Doremus gave the message at this time using for his scripture lesson the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of John. A hymn was sung & another. Handshake was enjoyed by all. Dismissed for the noon hour.

Wednesday afternoon

The afternoon session was called to order by singing "Sinner Jesus came into my heart". Delegates were given by Rev. F. E. Simpson & Rev. Arthur S. Allen from the Cone Springs Association and Rev. Bill Eden from

The Mission Association and was engaged

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by all present. Special song by Rev. Parker.  
Motion made & carried that we retain  
Rev. David Jones as statistician for  
the coming year. ~~Rev. Henry Long~~ Motion  
was made & carried that Rev. Henry Long  
serve on the executive board for all  
term of 5 years. Motion made & carried  
that we except Rev. W. M. Reeves  
resignation from the executive Board.  
Rev. Cliff Bowman was elected to serve  
on the executive Board for 2 years.  
Treasure report read & approved.

Motion made & carried that the  
class have 200 minutes printed.  
Motion made & carried that the Liberty  
Association send \$15.00 to the state  
association for minute fund & send  
\$10.00 to state association to help with  
expense of Secretary & Treasure. Library  
report read & approved. The congregation

stood in silent prayer in memory of  
those who have gone on with Rev. Ralph  
Jones during the prayer. Those passing  
are: Rev. W. M. Dinkler from Liberty,  
Bro Paul Wootland & Sis Jean Yokum  
from Macedonia, Sis Alma McNeil from  
Emity, Sis Rachel Jones from Cuba, Rev.  
Journ Mace from Springfield, & Bro  
Will Chandler from Blacks Cross.

Motion made & carried that we consider  
the recommendation of the business  
Committee. Motion made & carried we  
localize the Liberty Association at the  
youth camp permanently. Rev.  
Robert Carlson will preach the  
introductory sermon. Assistant: Rev. David

Jones. Motion made & carried we use the  
 word assistant instead of alternate. Rev.  
 Jimmie Johnson was elected to preach the  
 sermon at the coming Sunday School session.  
 Rev. Edward Jones.

Motion made & carried we receive the  
 recommendation that this associational  
 body vote that the host pastor & deacons  
 be the divine committee. Motion made  
 & carried to give the clerk authority to  
 write letters to the state association & the  
 corresponding letters. Rev. Henry Long & Rev.  
 Jimmie Johnson was elected as delegates to  
 the Mission association & to give the  
 delegates the authority to add names  
 if necessary. Rev. Jimmie Johnson & Rev. Cliff  
 Bowman was elected as delegates to the  
 Cape Springs association. The  
 congregation stood to show our  
 appreciation for the nice hospitality  
 shown us by the Mt Zion (Cuba) Church  
 during the associational meeting. The  
 Cuba Church stood to show their  
 appreciation to all the people who  
 attended the association. The  
 congregation stood to show their  
 appreciation to the Moderator Rev.  
 E E Vestal & to the clerk Mrs  
 Mickey Cummins for their work  
 during the association.

Minutes read & approved. Hymn  
 "God be with you till we meet again".  
 Dismissed in prayer byancel Alexander.

Moderator / Rev. E E Vestal  
 Clerk / Mrs. Mickey Cummins

# Enrollment

## Ministers & Wives

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Sis Eunice Talley, Sis Vinita Bragles  
 & Mr Bragles  
 Rev. E E Vestal & Mrs Vestal  
 Rev. Eddie Pearce & Mrs Pearce  
 Rev. Henry Long & Mrs Long  
 Rev. Cliff Bowman & Mrs Bowman  
 Rev. Robert Carlson & Mrs Carlson  
 Rev. David Jones & Mrs Jones  
 Rev. Edward Cliner & Mrs Cliner  
 Rev. John Moore & Mrs Moore  
 Rev. Lauren Jones & Mrs Jones  
 Rev. George Heckard & Mrs Heckard  
 Rev. Raymond Moore & Mrs Moore  
 Rev. James Johnson, Rev. W. M. Deenes,  
 Rev. Lister Wilton, Rev. Selph Jones &  
 Rev. Cleo Covington.

## Deacons & Wives

Bro & Sis Washaw Montgomery, Bro & Sis  
 Ray Hadson, Bro & Sis Esch Jones,  
 Bro & Sis Calvin Price, Bro & Sis  
 Lawrence Bragles, Bro & Sis Glen Lemons,  
 Bro & Sis. Elba Jones, Sis Ansel  
 Alexander, Sis Stella Walton, Sis Dorothy  
 Robertson, Sis Dorothy Maizee, Sis Lucille  
 Sell, Bro Lonnie Heckard & Bro Walden.

## Delegates

Sis Vera Walton, Sis Alice Letterman  
 Bro & Sis Charley Mackey, Bro & Sis Ervin  
 Train, Sis. Verba Hamill, Sis Alta Paul,  
 Bro Ernest Patton, Bro Earl Gray, Sis Lois  
 Hightower, Sis Dora Adams, Sis Dorothy  
 Johnson, Sis Bert Wilson, Sis Helga Alfors,  
 Sis Maggie Buttram, Sis Leene Griffin,  
 Sis Rosie Eutenstein, Sis Nettie Ramsey,

Sis Hedges, sis Algera Simmons, sis  
 Mela McFarlane, sis Hazel Embrey,  
 sis Neada Hays.

### Visiting Ministers & Wives

Rev. Bill Egan + Mrs Eden  
 Rev. Beard + Mrs Beard  
 Rev. Gabe Goze  
 Rev. Walker Parker  
 Rev. Donald Clifford  
 Rev. E E Simpson  
 Rev. Arthur T Warren

### Church Clergy

Sis Opal Hyde, sis Maisey Cummins,  
 sis Margaret Wantland O, sis Effie  
 Pearce, sis Etude Rue, sis Dannie  
 Price + sis Ella Patton.

# Reports

## Temperance Committee

We your Temperance Committee recommend:

1. That we be living examples of the teachings of Christ. Especially regarding the use of intoxicating beverages.
2. That we show our position, as Christians, in all public places.
3. To be filled with the Spirit as becometh all Christians and to abstain from all appearance of evil.

## Committee

Sis Agnes Mackie  
Sis Lois Hightower  
Sis Holly Alford

## Obituary Report

We, your obituary committee find that our heavenly father has called from our midst a number of our beloved brethren & sisters. we recommend that this body stand in silent prayer in memory of those who have gone on:

Those passing are:

Rev. W. M. Duncher from Liberty Church,  
 Bro Paul Wantland and his Fern  
 Johnson from Macedonia church,  
 His Alma Mc Keel from Amity  
 Church,  
 Sis Rachel Jones from Cuba church,  
 Rev. John Moore from Springfield  
 Church,  
 And Bro Will Chandler from Black  
 Oak church.

### Committee

Sis Ansel Alexander  
 Sis Apal Hyde  
 Sis Verba Hamell

# Treasurer's Report

Balance in Treasury from Session 23 \$ 201.45

Disbursements:

Amounts for Minutes 60.00

Postage 5.00

Clerical Fees 10.00

To state association for  
Minute fund 10.00

To state association for  
Expense of Secretary & Treasure 15.00

Total Disbursements \$ 100.00

Balance in Treasury before  
this session started \$ 101.45

Money received from this  
session (24) \$ 130.00

231.45

Balance in Treasury at this  
time