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*Minutes Of The*  
*One Hundred Twenty Second*  
*Annual Sessions Of The*  
*Liberty Free Will Baptist Association*  
**2010**

# **LIBERTY ASSOCIATION**

## **OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2011**

### **OFFICERS**

Moderator..... Mr. Jonathon Bowman  
Assistant Moderator..... Rev. Ben Hull  
Clerk/Treasurer.....Ms. Donna Kay Clark  
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.....Mrs. Margie Pettis

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. John Pettis (2011), Mr. Ed Sweigart (2012),  
Rev. Tim Owen (2013), Mr. Tommy Payne (2014)

### **CAMP BOARD**

Mr. Wayne Hartzog (2011), Mr. John Pettis (2012)

### **YOUTH BOARD**

Mrs. Leslie Hull (2011), Rev. Gene Wooten (2012), Mr. Jonathon Bowman (2013)

### **STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Mr. Jonathon Bowman

### **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Karen Owen (2011), Mr. LaVon Crawford (2012), Mr. Ed Sweigart (2013)

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Nominating and Resolutions Committee is the Executive Committee.  
The Obituary Report will be collected by the clerk.

## Calendar of Events 2011

### ♦ **Quarterly Meetings**

April 10 -Fellowship- Sunday at 3 pm..... St. Johns  
October 21 – Business -Friday at 7 pm.....1<sup>st</sup> Free Will, Chipley

### ♦ **Other Events of Interest**

April 27 – 30 Jacksonville Marriott..... State Meeting  
July 17 - 20, 2011 Charlotte, NC..... National Association

### Camp Mt. Pleasant

#### *Location address:*

Camp Mt. Pleasant  
1884 Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Bonifay, FL 32425  
850-535-2851  
850-535-4028

#### *Billing address:*

Camp Mt. Pleasant  
% Bro. Charles Isaac  
5900 West 9 Mile Rd. Lot #1  
Pensacola, Fl. 32526

### Northwest Florida FWB Ministerial Fellowship

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Salem FWB Church, Alford, FL

#### *Chairman:*

Rev. Donnie Hussey  
4504 Magnolia Road  
Marianna, FL 32446  
850-526-1951

#### *Clerk:*

Rev. Tim Owen  
1863 Duncan Community Road  
Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-1904

### Florida State Executive Director

Rev. Randy Bryant  
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Vero Beach, Fl. 32966

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Liberty Association Fellowship Meeting  
Abigail FWB Church, Vernon  
Sunday, April 11, 2010  
Attendance – 70

Bro. Tim Owen led the congregation in singing "Since Jesus Came into My Heart". Rev. Odis Whitehead, pastor of St. Johns, opened the meeting in prayer. Jonathon Bowman, Association Moderator, made an announcement: There will be a Church Growth Conference, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church in Chipley starting at 9am. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Buzz Kirby, pastor of Abigail FWB Church, welcomed everyone to the host church and announced Homecoming at Abigail, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with speaker, Rev. John Pettis.

Rev. Gene Wooten, Youth Minister at Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola introduced his youth group. The first group recited scripture they had learned for the State & National competition. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders quoted passages of scriptures. A youth duet sang, "Never Alone". There was a puppet skit, "In the Dark" put on by members of the youth group.

Bro. Jonathon Bowman announced the Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola has been voted in to the Liberty Association as of February 26, 2010.

Rev. Buzz Kirby, sang "Two More Hands to Praise the Lord".

Bro. Jonathon introduced Rev. Chad Kivette, pastor of the Beulah FWB Church. Bro. Chad gave a brief testimony and then preached. The title of his sermon was "The Retreating Church Must Charge Forward". Revelation 2:1-7, the prescription is revival, to repent. Bro. Chad asked us to look at the clock at the back of the church and to turn and repent, come to the altar and charge ahead. Jonathon closed in prayer.

Offering of \$144.00 was taken. Prayer requests were given for Ms. Etha Mae Owen who is in the hospital in Chipley and Rev. Ben Hull's grandfather's funeral is Monday in Tennessee. Bro. Tim closed the meeting in prayer for these request and for the food provided by the host church.

Liberty Association Annual Business Meeting  
Beulah FWB Church, Pensacola  
Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 10am

The meeting had started when the clerk and group from the Chipley church got there. Rev. Gene Wooten, Youth Minister from Beulah was preaching from 1 Corinthians. He was asking the question, "Who are you following? What is your foundation?" His challenge to us is don't let the world creep into our churches.

Bro. Jonathon Bowman, Moderator asked for a 15 minute break.

The meeting was called to order and the Business Meeting was called into order. Rev. Chad Kivette, pastor of Beulah opened us in prayer.

**Library Report-** given by Bro. Ed Sweigart

Clerk, Donna Clark, read the minutes. Motion, Second Carried

Clerk went over the financial report. MSC

**Old Business-** none

**New Business: Election of Officers and Committees**

Assistant Moderator- Rev. Ben Hull, MSC

Youth Board- Leslie Hull, Gene Wooten, MSC

Executive Committee – Tommy Payne, MSC

Camp Board – John Pettis, MSC

State Executive Member- Jonathon Bowman, MSC

Library Board- Ed Sweigart, MSC

**Obituary Report**

Abigail- Shannon Cook, Merlene Willis

Beulah – Doe Chavers, Jodie McCranie, Woody Wood

Chipley- Etha Mae Owen

**Announcement:** The next meeting is our Fellowship time, Sunday, April 10 at St. Johns in Bonifay at 3 pm.

The 2011 Business meeting is Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church in Chipley 7 PM

An offering of \$86.00 was taken

Rev. Gene Wooten closed the meeting in prayer and prayed a prayer of remembrance for those who had passed away this year.

**Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist Treasurer's Report**  
**October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010**

<b>Balance on hand as of 10/1/09</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,228.04</b>
<b>Total received 10/1/09 - 9/30/10</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,027.10</b>

**Paid Out**

Advertising	\$	-	
Board of Retirement	\$	1,022.05	
Florida State Association	\$	15,676.10	
General Fund	\$	3,573.80	
FWB Foundation	\$	627.05	
Library Fund	\$	112.05	
Florida Mission Shares	\$	3,448.76	
State Promotional Office	\$	1,567.61	
Youth Camp	\$	2,612.70	
Youth Fund	\$	-	
<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>28,640.12</b>

<b>Balance on Hand- 9/30/10</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,615.02</b>
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**Account Balances**

Advertising	\$	1,840.00	
Board of Retirement	\$	-	
Florida State Association	\$	-	
FWB Foundation	\$	-	
General Fund	\$	70.45	
CD Interest Income	\$	110.91	
Library Fund	\$	977.61	
Florida Mission Shares	\$	-	
State Promotional Office	\$	-	
Youth Camp	\$	-	
Youth Fund	\$	1,616.05	

FWB Foundation-earning rates for both accounts are 3.00%  
 Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan & Scholarship Fund-  
**Balance on hand - June 2010 = \$15,536.64**

Bill & Corene George Scholarship Fund-  
**Balance on hand - June, 2010 = \$11, 285.73**

Bank of Bonifay Certificate of Deposit-  
**Balance on hand- August 5, 2010- \$5,527.96**

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he will rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the Moderator, until he gets through; nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.
4. The person speaking shall adhere to the questions and shall in no way cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.
5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
6. No person shall carry on conversation, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother, brethren, or sisters.
8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.
9. The names of the delegates of this Association shall be enrolled and called as often as the Association thinks is necessary.
10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at one time without leave of the Moderator.
11. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat, and to discuss subjects, but not to vote.



# CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

**Preamble.** In order to encourage and inspire the churches of this association to engage in a more definite plan of work, to labor together in unity, and to coordinate their efforts for a greater program to Christ and His Kingdom; we do hereby adopt this Constitution and By-Laws.

**Article I. Name** - This organization shall be known as the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

**Article II. Officers** - The officers of this association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. (These offices may be combined.) The officers are to be elected at the Annual Meeting and will serve a two-year term.

**Article III. Membership** - This association shall be composed of churches in good standing according to the Faith and Practices of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

**Section I.** Church (es) desiring membership in this association shall send delegates bearing a petition letter. If the above church (es) upon examination by the Credentials-Examining Committee (Ordaining Council), are found to be in order and properly organized as specified in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, they shall by vote of this body, be received in full fellowship.

- a. It is recommended that all churches of this association require their pastors be a member of the church which he serves, unless he pastors more than one church, then he must be a member of one of the churches he serves.
- b. It is also recommended that, a church that cannot find a Free Will Baptist pastor be allowed to call an interim pastor who will not preach contrary to the Doctrine of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

**Article IV. Representation** - This association shall consist of delegates from the churches of which it is composed, each church being entitled to two (2) delegates for the first twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

**Section I.** All ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the association shall be standing delegates.



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

**Article V. Committees and Boards** - The following are elected on a rotating basis, whereby one member is elected annually. The Executive Committee (5 members), Youth Committee (3 members), Camp Board (2 members), and Library Committee (3 members). All committees and boards shall be subject to the association for their actions. All committees and boards shall give a report of their actions at each association business session.

**Section I.** The association officers are member's ex-officio of the above committees.

**Section II.** The following committees may be appointed by the moderator: Nominations, Resolutions, and Obituaries.

**Article VI. Presbytery of the Liberty Association** - The Presbytery will serve as the representative of the Liberty Association to interview ministerial candidates for ordination and determine their qualifications for ordination. The Presbytery is also authorized to interview all incoming ministers to determine their qualifications for ratification of credentials. Those approved will thereby become members of the Presbytery. The Presbytery will report its final decision to the body as information.

The Presbytery of the Liberty Association will be composed of:

- (1) Ordained ministers who have been approved by the Presbytery of this association, and
- (2) Ordained deacons of member churches.

Members of this presbytery will receive a card of good standing and may thereby present themselves as a Free Will Baptist minister or deacon in good standing. Members of the Presbytery will also be recognized as standing delegates to the Liberty Association.

In matters of discipline, the Presbytery will have the power to investigate questions of conduct, character, or doctrine of any ordained minister. Any disciplinary action taken by the Presbytery concerning ministers will follow the procedures presented in, A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and in accordance with the *Step-By-Step Procedure in Association Disciplinary Action Concerning Its Ministers*, adopted July 1999. The Presbytery will have the authority to withdraw fellowship and/or revoke the credentials of any minister found to be unqualified due to unchristian conduct or character, or false doctrine. The minister under such discipline would no longer be recognized as an ordained member in good standing.

Although it is not within the scope of the Presbytery to approve the ordination of the deacons of local churches, the Presbytery has the responsibility to examine questions of conduct, character, or doctrine of deacons. The disciplinary action of the Presbytery will be limited to revoking the good standing status in this body. The deacon may, at the pleasure of his church, continue to serve in the capacity of deacon, but he will not be recognized as a standing delegate at the district, state, or national level.

The Presbytery, from its membership, will elect an examining committee. The committee will interview the candidates and make a recommendation to the full Presbytery.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

**Article VII. Meetings** - This association shall meet twice a year; once in April on a Sunday afternoon for fellowship and in October on a Friday night for business. The executive committee shall make recommendations to the body concerning dates at the annual meeting in October. The body at any regular meeting may change these dates.

**Article VIII. Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan & Scholarship Fund** - The Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan Fund shall be supported by individuals, churches, etc. To be eligible to receive a loan, the student: (1) Must be enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, (2) Must be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist church in this association which regularly supports the Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan Fund, (3) Shall give to the Executive Committee of this association a promissory note. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the student: 1) Must be enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN; 2) Must be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church in this association which regularly supports the Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan & Scholarship Fund; 3) Shall give a written request for a scholarship to the Executive Committee of this association.

**Article IX. Finances** - Each church shall pay quarterly dues as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the voting body.

**Section I.** The Moderator shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year and the Clerk two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year. The remainder of the money shall be used for expenses of the Association that may occur.

**Article X. Independence of Churches** - Each church of this Association is a distinct and independent organization, with full and absolute authority to manage its own internal and external affairs, to elect its pastor and officers, and to receive and dismiss its members.

**Section I.** Each church of this Association shall have, hold, and control all its property, real and otherwise.

EXCEPTION: The church that is under the control of the Missions Board.

**Section II.** This Association shall act only in an advisory capacity. Should there arise in the local church any questions on doctrine, practices or discipline, the Bible, and the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists shall be considered the final authority.

**Article XI. Quorum** - One minister and five (5) standing delegates with six (6) delegates from (3) or more churches of this Association shall constitute a quorum.

**Article XII. Amendments** - This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular business session, if notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing and recorded at the previous business session.

**Section 2. Youth Committee -**

This committee shall consist of three (3) members elected on a rotating basis

- a. To organize, plan, and supervise the youth rallies, CTS competition, Sunday School promotion, and summer camps, etc. for the association.
- b. To promote our association among our youth.
- c. To report to the association.

**Section 3. Camp Board -** The duties of the camp board are:

- a. To coordinate the work of the camp between our association and sister associations.
- b. To help maintain the camp.
- c. To plan calendar events for the camp.
- d. To coordinate with the youth co-directors the programs for the camp (association).

**Section 4. Library Committee -** The Library Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected by the association on a rotating basis. Funding will be received through cooperative funds as determined by the annual association budget. Materials may be purchased that are educational, inspirational, or entertaining. The committee should endeavor to purchase materials that will meet the needs of all age groups, including children and teenagers.

Their duties include:

- a) Purchasing, cataloging, and storing video and audio materials for the association churches and members.
- b) Overseeing the loan of these materials to any church or church member of the Liberty Association.

**Section 5 State Executive Committee Member-**The Committee Member will represent the Liberty Association at the Florida State Association Meeting. The Liberty Association will pay all expenses of the State Executive Committee Member each year.



## Churches and Pastors

Abigail FWB Church  
PO Box 927/2893 A Dawkins  
Vernon, FL 32462

Not Available

Beulah FWB Church  
7561 Mobile Hwy.  
Pensacola, FL 32526  
850-944-0408

Rev Chad Kivette  
2561 Southern Oaks Drive  
Cantonment, FL 32533  
850- 390 -1090

1st FWB of Chipley  
1387 South Blvd.  
Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-0598

Rev. Benjamin Hull  
961 Haywood Drive  
Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-0282

1<sup>st</sup> FWB of Panama City  
305 Airport Road  
Panama City, FL 32405  
850-785-0302

Jonathon Bowman - Interim  
315 N. James Avenue  
Panama City, FL 32401  
850-784-6643

Piney Grove FWB Church  
1783 Piney Grove Road  
Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-7064

Rev. Tim Owen  
1863 Duncan Community Road  
Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-1904

St. Johns FWB Church  
975 St. Johns Road  
Bonifay, FL 32425  
850-547-3337

Rev. Odis Whitehead  
3150A Douglas Ferry Road  
Bonifay, FL 32425  
850- 415-1354



## Deacons

### 1st FWB Church Chipley

Gary Clark                      Ed Sweigart  
1670 Peel Rd.                  3980 Quail Court  
Chipley, FL 32428              Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-2504                  850-773-2150

John Pettis  
1472 Worley Rd.  
Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-0262

### 1st FWB Church Panama City

Jonathon Bowman  
315 N. James Ave.  
Panama City, FL 32401  
850-784-6643

### Piney Grove FWB Church

LaVon Crawford  
1647 Bonner Rd.  
Bonifay, FL 32425  
850-638-0015

### St. Johns FWB Church

Charley Adkinson  
2383 Cletus Bush Lane  
Bonifay, FL 32425  
850-547-2760

Milton Strickland  
493 1st St.  
Chipley, FL 32428  
850-638-1035

### Beulah FWB Church

Mike Moore  
1471 Hwy. 97 South  
Cantonment, Fl. 32533  
850-698-3425

Allan Lavalley  
1572 Cottage Park Rd.  
Cantonment, Fl. 32533  
850-418-3433

Nathan White  
7575 Bridle Pines  
Pensacola, Fl. 32526  
850-941-2021

Mack Gafford  
7200 Woodside Rd.  
Pensacola, Fl. 32526  
850-944-1777

Joey Allen  
7633 Jamesville Rd.  
Pensacola, Fl. 32526  
850-554-3724

Tommy Payne  
7021 Longleaf Creek Dr  
Pensacola, Fl. 32526  
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## Church Clerks

### Abigail FWB

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### First FWB Chipley

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### Piney Grove FWB

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