

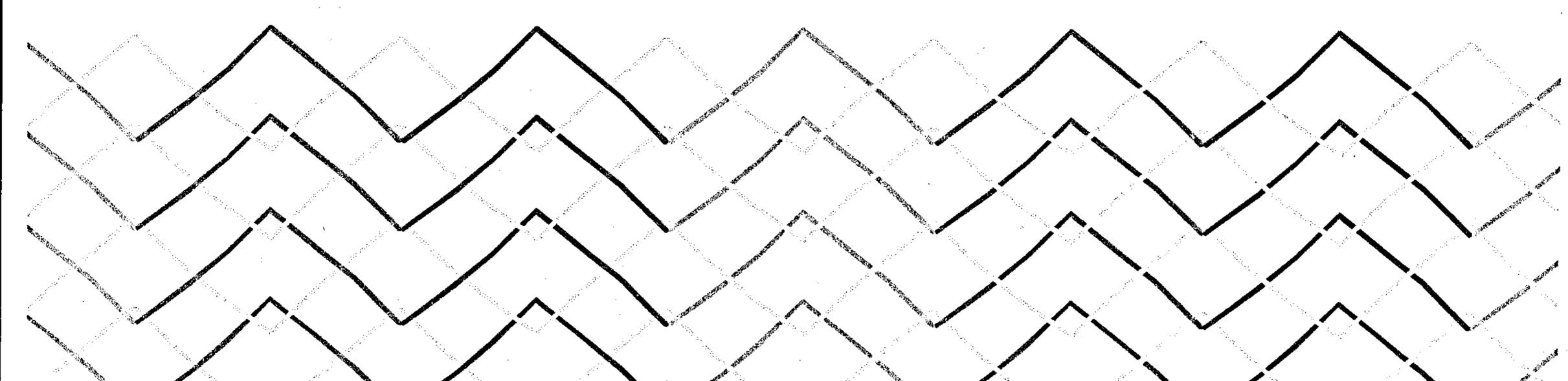
Minutes Of The

One Hundred Twenty Third

Annual Sessions Of The

Liberty Free Will Baptist Association

2011



LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2012

<u>OFFICERS</u>

Moderator	
Assistant Moderator	
Clerk/Treasurer	
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	•

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ed Sweigart (2012), Rev. Tim Owen (2013), Mr. Tommy Payne (2014), Mr. John Pettis (2015)

CAMP BOARD

Mr. John Pettis (2012), Open position 2013

YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Gene Wooten (2012), Mr. Jonathon Bowman (2013), open position 2014

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mr. Jonathon Bowman

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Mr. LaVon Crawford (2012), Mr. Ed Sweigart (2013), Mrs. Karen Owen (2014)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

Calendar of Events 2012

 Quarterly Meetings 	
April 15 -Fellowship, Sunday at 3 pm	Pleasant Hill
October 14 - Business, Sunday at 3 pm, Pending change	
 Other Events of Interest 	
May 1-5, Jacksonville Marriott	State Meeting
July 15-18, 2012, Memphis TN	

Camp Mt. Pleasant

Location address:

Camp Mt. Pleasant

1884 Pleasant Hill Rd.

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Billing address:

Camp Mt. Pleasant

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Liberty Association Fellowship Meeting April 10, 2011 St. Johns FWB Church at 3 pm

Tim and Karen Owen opened the meeting by leading the congregation in a song, "Surely Goodness and Mercy". Moderator Jonathon Bowman welcomed everyone to the Liberty Fellowship Meeting and said the opening prayer. Tim Owen led in singing "All the Way the Savior Leads Me" and "Jesus Led Me all the Way." He gave the story of how the last song came to be written.

Jonathon announced the Florida State Association meeting is in Jacksonville,

April 27 - 30. The deadline to register has been lengthen.

Bro. Odis Whitehead welcomed everyone to the host church and asks all to stay for refreshments after the meeting.

Bro. Gary from St. Johns sang 2 songs, "At the Old Country Church" and "Sometimes I Just Want to Praise You".

Bro. John Pettis, interim pastor at Abigail FWB Church preached the message from Matthew 28:1 and Amos 3:3. "What the Lord has done for us."

An offering of \$90 was taken up.

Motion, second, carried to open the meeting for business. Bro. Ben Hull, with the Camp Mt. Pleasant Camp Board said the Camp is in need of funds because of court cost. Bro. Ed Sweigart made a motion to allocate money to the Camp through the Liberty Executive Committee. * MSC

Bro. James Elmore closed the meeting in prayer.

* The Liberty Executive Committee voted on 4/22 to send \$1800 to Camp Mt. Pleasant.

Liberty Association Annual Business Meeting October 21, 2011 1st FWC Church at Chipley at 6 pm

Meeting started at 7 pm instead of 6 pm because many people misunderstood what time the meeting started. Tim Owen welcomed everyone and Tim & Karen Owen led in singing, "We're Marching to Zion". Bro. Ed Sweigart opened in prayer. Bro. Tim gave a history of the song "In the Sweet By and By" and led the congregation in singing the 1st verse.

The Business meeting was called to order by Bro. Tim Owen in the absence of Moderator Jonathon Bowman.

He recognized the Standing Delegates and it was MSC to seat them. MSC to seat the delegates from all the churches.

The Financial report was handed out and discussed. MSC to accept. Recommendation from the Executive Committee: to zero out the Advertising Account, since we do not advertise anymore, and move amount to the General Fund. MSC Recommendation from the Executive Committee: To take 10% of the Youth fund Budget amount and divide between the Camp at 5% and the General Fund at 5%. MSC

Library Report: Bro. Ed Sweigart gave the report and encouraged everyone to use the library housed at the 1st FWB Church in Church. MSC to accept.

Camp Report: Bro. Odis Whitehead gave the report. The Camp Board has secured the deed for Pleasant Hill Church, land and parsonage. Camp Meeting was better attended this year. Maintenance needs are greater at the camp. The Camp Board would like to work up a plan to have worship services at Pleasant Hill on Sunday Morning. A church in the Association would need to sponsor the service. Bro. Ezra Caynor is the new Camp Treasurer. MSC to accept the report.

Election of Officers and Board Members: The slate of current officers & members were voted on at one time. MSC to accept.

Our next meeting is April 15, 2012 at Piney Grove (has changed to Pleasant Hill) at 3 pm.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee: to amend the Constitution to change the Friday night meeting to a Sunday afternoon meeting. After discussion Bro. Tim Owen moved to table the motion.

Obituary Report: Abigail – Archie Cook and James Cook, Chipley – Ms. Etha Mae Owen and Kenny McFatter, Piney Grove – Ms. Fern Hogue, St. Johns – Milton Strickland.

Prayer request – Abigail Church, Bro. Ed Hutchinson, pastor of 1st FWB Church Pensacola is stepping down due to health reasons, Emily Stewart, emergency appendix surgery, Kenny McFatter's family, passed away 2 days ago.

Prayer of Remembrance was said for those who passed away this last year.

Break of 15 minutes.

Tim Owen led in singing the second verse of "Sweet By and By".

State Report: given by Randy Bryant, Florida State Executive Director. The National Association Meeting is the 3rd week of July. The Missions Golf tournament raised \$1,300. The Christian Workers Conference is November 4+5 in Destin, speaking on Mormons and Islam. The Senior Summit in October is in Kissimmee. The Minister's Cruise is January of 2012. The Alabama Children's Home is in need of house parents if anyone is interested.

Randy Bryant is our speaker for tonight. He shared from Jeremiah 18: 1-6. He brought out these points. 1. Men are in the absolute power of God, like the clay. 2. God has a purpose for our life. 3. God shapes our life by the friction and stress of life. 4. Sinners can be remade. 5. Saints can be remolded. 6. Mold us; make us what we need to be.

Bro. Tim led the invitation song, "Have Thine Own Way". Bro. Odis announced that his daughter Brenda was having chest pains and to please pray for her. Bro. Tim led in the closing prayer.

Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist Treasurer's Report October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011

Balance on hand as of 10	/1/10		\$	4,615.02
Total received 10/1/10 - 9	0/30/11		\$	30,939.10
			\$	35,554.12
Paid Out				
Advertising	\$	-		
Board of Retirement	\$.	935.80		
Florida State Association	\$	13,443.66		
General Fund	\$	4,791.04		
Bill George Scholarship	\$	537.75		
Library Fund	\$	-		
Florida Mission Shares	\$	2,957.61		•
State Promotional Office	\$	1,344.36		
Youth Camp	\$	2,240.62	•	
Youth Fund	\$	-		
Total Paid Out	•		\$	26,250.84
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Balance on Hand- 9/30/11			\$	9,303.28
Account Balances	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			·
Advertising	\$	1,840.00		
Board of Retirement	\$	- -		
Florida State Association	\$	—		
Bill George Scholarship	\$			
General Fund	\$	3,759.66		
Interest Income	\$	124.09		
Library Fund	\$	1,067.23		
Florida Mission Shares	\$			•
State Promotional Office	\$	-		
Youth Camp	\$	•••		
Youth Fund	\$	2,512.30		

Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan & Scholarship Fund-Balance on hand - June 2011 = \$15,986.47

Bill & Corene George Scholarship Fund-Balance on hand - June 2011 =\$12,094.68 Earning rates for both accounts are 2.75%

Banking has changed from Bank of Bonifay to OneSouth. The CD was cashed and deposited in the General Fund.

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

<u>Preamble.</u> 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.

<u>Article II. Officers</u> - 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.

<u>Section I.</u> 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.

<u>Article IV. Representation</u> - 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.

<u>Section I.</u> All ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the association shall be standing delegates.

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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.

<u>Section II.</u> 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.

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<u>Article VII. Meetings</u> -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.

<u>Section II.</u> 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).

<u>Section 4. Library Committee</u> - 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.

<u>Section 5 State Executive Committee Member-</u>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.

Liberty Association Churches	Pastors	Clerks
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Abigail FWB PO Box 927/2893 A Dawkins Vernon, Fl. 32462	None	Vivian Cook 3238 Hwy. 277 Vernon, Fl. 32462 850-535-2162
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