

Minutes Of The
One Hundred Twenty Fourth
Annual Sessions Of The
Liberty Free Will Baptist Association
2012

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2013

OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Tim Owen (2013), Mr. Tommy Payne (2014)
Mr. John Pettis (2015), Mr. Ed Sweigart (2016),

CAMP BOARD

Mr. Wayne Hartzog (2013), Mr. John Pettis (2014)

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mr. Jonathon Bowman

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Mr. Ed Sweigart (2013), Mrs. Karen Owen (2014), Mr. LaVon Crawford (2015),

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

Calendar of Events 2013

♦ *Quarterly Meetings*

Fellowship Meeting, April 14th, Sunday at 3 pm..... Piney Grove FWBC
Business Meeting, October 13th, Sunday at 3 pm1st Free Will, Chipley

♦ *Other Events of Interest*

May 1-4 Jacksonville, Marriott..... State Meeting
July 21 - 24, Tampa, FL 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
% Rev, Ezra Caynor
3700 Kynesville Rd.
Marianna, FL. 32448

Northwest Florida FWB Ministerial Fellowship

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

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Marianna, FL 32446
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Clerk:

Rev. Tim Owen
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Chipley, FL 32428
850-638-1904

Florida State Executive Director

Rev. Randy Bryant

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Rev. Ben Hull
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Panama City, Fl. 32405
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Interim- Jonathon Bowman
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Myra D. Henderson
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Chipley, Fl. 32428
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Bonifay, FL. 32425

Bro. James Elmore
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Bonifay, Fl. 32425

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Abigail FWBC

None

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Charley Adkinson
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Chipley, FL 32428
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Liberty Fellowship Meeting

April 15, 2012, 3 pm

Pleasant Hill FWB Chapel, Bonifay, Fl.

Rev. Tim Owen started the service by leading the congregation in singing, "Jesus Hold My Hand".

Moderator Jonathon Bowman welcomed everyone and prayed. Jonathon asks for a show of hands as he called each church's name to see who was in attendance. Bro. Tim led the congregation in singing, "I'll Fly Away" and "Until Then".

Jonathon introduced Jared Owen who sang "The Faces" and also introduced our speaker, Rev. James Elmore, the pastor of Pleasant Hill Chapel who will speak after the special singing. Bro. James spoke from the book of Daniel on the "Writing on the Wall". Bro. Tim led us in singing "I Surrender All". The offering was taken.

Motion second and carried to enter into Business:

A Camp Board position is open. No nominations from the floor. The Executive Committee will assign someone to the position.

Camp Report- Rev. Odis Whitehead gave the report. The kitchen floor has been tiled. The kitchen has a new gas range. The kitchen will be painted tomorrow. The Pleasant Hill FWB Chapel, the parsonage and Camp Mt. Pleasant are under the authority of the Camp Board. Rev. Ben Hull made a motion for the Liberty Association to give \$1,500. to the Camp Board. Bro. LaVon Crawford ask that we give \$1,000. Bro Ed Sweigart said to split the difference and give \$1,250., MSC to give \$1,250.

It was by General Consent to have the October 14th (Sunday) Business Meeting at the Panama City Church. It was discussed whether to vote on having all Liberty Association meetings on Sunday's. It was decided to vote on this item at the October Business meeting.

Jonathon announced refreshments would be served in the fellowship hall and he closed in prayer.

Liberty Annual Business Meeting

October 14, 2012, 3:00 pm

1st Free Will Baptist Church of Panama City, Fl.

Rev. Tim Owen led the congregational singing. We sang "My Savior's Love and "Saved by the Blood".

Jonathon Bowman welcomed everyone to the 1st FWB Church in Panama City. Jonathon introduced Rev. Cliff Donoho, who is starting a new church in Tallahassee. Bro. Cliff preached from Isaiah 44:3 on the blessings God wants to extend and the barriers of indifference. Bro. Cliff closed in prayer.

An offering was taken. Jonathon announced a 10 minute break.

The Donoho family (Cliff, Chad, Jenny) sang "Calvary Answers for me".
Kelly Bowman sang "Jesus Loves Me".

The Business Meeting was called to order by Moderator Jonathon Bowman and Rev. James Elmore opened the meeting in prayer.

Forego the reading of the minutes.

Financial Report given by Jonathon Bowman, Motion, Second and Carried to accept.

Camp Report – none

Library Report given by Ed Sweigart. He noted there is a paper copy of the library inventory available for each church.

New Business- Jonathon mentioned that Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola can not make the Sunday afternoon meetings because of the long distance. He asked if the Sunday meetings could be changed to Friday nights or Saturday mornings. Bro. Tim made a motion that this item be referred to the Executive Committee. MSC

Clerk Donna Clark said a letter from Pleasant Hill FWB Chapel had been received asking to be accepted into the Liberty Association. MSC

Announcement-April 14, 2013 at Piney Grove FWBC is our Fellowship meeting.

Refreshments will be served immediately following our meeting today.

Rev. Ben Hull closed our meeting with prayer.

2013 Budget

Coop (Churches tithes to the Association) Giving Breakdown:

60 % goes to Florida FWB State Association

40 % goes to Liberty Association

100 %

Breakdown of 40 % remaining in the Liberty Association:

General Fund.....15 %

Camp Mt. Pleasant.....30 %

Library 01 %

Bill George Fund06 %

Missions33 %

State Promotion15 %

100 %

Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist Treasurer's Report
October 1, 2011-September 30, 2012

Balance on Hand- 9/30/11	\$	9,299.10
Total received 10/1/11- 9/30/12	\$	18,089.88
	\$	<u>27,388.98</u>

6,275.28
21,113.70

Paid Out

Board of Retirement	\$	728.90
Florida State Association	\$	9,545.29
General Fund	\$	4,238.00
Bill George Scholarship	\$	381.80
Library Fund	\$	-
Florida Mission Shares	\$	2,099.96
State Promotional Office	\$	954.55
Youth Camp	\$	1,645.20
Youth Fund	\$	<u>1,520.00</u>

Total Paid Out	\$	<u>21,113.70</u>
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Balance on Hand- 9/30/12	\$	6,275.28
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Account Balances

Board of Retirement	\$	-
Florida State Association	\$	-
Bill George Scholarship	\$	-
General Fund	\$	5,019.35
Interest Income	\$	125.06
Library Fund	\$	1,130.87
Florida Mission Shares	\$	-
State Promotional Office	\$	-
Youth Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$	<u>-</u>

Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan & Scholarship Fund-
Balance on hand - June 2012 = \$16,430.26

Bill & Corene George Scholarship Fund-
Balance on hand - June 2012 \$12,678.01
Earning rates for both accounts are 2.75%

Closed out and transferred Advertising account (\$1840.) to General Fund
Closed out and transferred Youth Fund (\$1520.) to 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

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.

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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), 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.

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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.