
Minutes Of The
One Hundred Twenty Fifth
Annual Sessions Of The
Liberty Free Will Baptist Association
2013

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2014

OFFICERS

Moderator..... Mr. Jonathon Bowman
Assistant Moderator..... Rev. Ben Hull
Clerk/Treasurer.....
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.....Mrs. Margie Pettis

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Donnie Hussey (2014), Mr. John Pettis (2015)
Mr. James Redmon (2016) Rev. Tim Owen (2017),

CAMP BOARD

Mr. John Pettis (2014), Open position 2015

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mr. Jonathon Bowman

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Mr. LaVon Crawford (2014), Ms. Donna Clark (2015), Mrs. Karen Owen (2016)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

Calendar of Events 2014

◦ *Quarterly Meetings*

April 13th – Fellowship, Sunday at 3 pm Beulah FWB
October 14th – Business, Sunday at 3 pm..... St. Johns

◦ *Other Events of Interest*

April 23-27, Jacksonville Marriott State Meeting
July 27-30, Fort Worth, TX. National Association

Camp Mt. Pleasant

Location address:

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

Billing address:

Camp Mt. Pleasant
% Mary Nell Whitehead
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Meets each month

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Florida State Executive Director

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None

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Liberty Association Fellowship Meeting
Piney Grove FWB Church
Sunday, April 14, 2013, 3pm
47 in attendance

Bro. Jared Owen led the congregation in singing 'When We All Get to Heaven'.

Rev. Ben Hull welcomed everyone.

Bro. Ed Sweigart led in prayer.

The Piney Grove Church choir sang 'Enthroned' led by Karen Owen.

Bro. Jared led the congregation in hymn 'Whosoever Meaneth Me'.

Bro. Jonathon Bowman, interim pastor for 1st FWB Church Panama City spoke from 2 Corinthians 11:14 on "The Devil's Devices".

An offering of \$56.00 was taken.

Rev. Tim Owen made announcements:

Pastors please pick up your annual yearbook on the front pew.

The Florida State Meeting is May 1st - 4th in Jacksonville with Dr. Picirilli speaking on 'Salvation By the Blood'.

Refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall.

Bro. Tim closed in prayer.

Liberty Association Business Meeting
1st FWB Church of Chipley
Sunday, October 13th, 2013, 3pm
60 in attendance

The Worship Team at 1st FWB Church led the congregation in singing hymns, 'There is a Fountain' and 'All Hail the Power'.

Rev. Ben Hull led in prayer.

Bro. Ben led in seating of the delegates.

The Worship Team sang 'Ten Thousand Reasons'.

Randy Bryant, Florida State Executive Director, was introduced as our speaker. He preached from Hebrews 10:24,25 on encouragement.

An offering of \$40.00 was taken.

Motion second and carried to begin the Business session.

Financial Report by Donna Clark- MSC to accept.

Camp Report by Gene Wooten- The camp had several leaks, roofs had to be replaced. Several groups are coming in the weeks ahead.

Library Report by Ed Sweigart- written reports are available.

New Business:

Nominations for members of committees:

Executive Committee- 2 positions to be filled, James Redmon and Donnie Hussey nominated. MSC to accept.

Library Committee- Donna Clark nominated. MSC to accept.

Camp Board- no nominations. Executive Committee will appoint.

2014 Budget was accepted.

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 Fund 06 %

Missions33 %

State Promotion15 %

100 %

2014 Meetings are:

Fellowship meeting April 13th at Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola

Business meeting October 14th at St. Johns FWB Church in Bonifay

State Report given by Randy Bryant- Tampa was the host city for the 2013 National Association.

The Missions Shares Golf Tournament raised \$2,100.00.

The Senior Summit starts tomorrow in Kissimmee at the Holy Land Experience. Trudy and Donnie Miles are this years speakers.

The Christian Workers Conference is November 1st and 2nd in Destin.

Mission Shares giving is down by 50 % of the budget. Please help to build this up.

Please sign up to receive the Coordinator, the State Newsletter.

The State works are doing well. Both pastors of the South Florida churches need property and would like to be self sufficient.

Obituary Report:

Chipley- Crystal Artrip

St. Johns- Alma White, Clifford Stewart

Prayer for families of those who have passed away.

Jonathon Bowman led in singing the closing hymn 'Meet Me There'.

Jonathon announced refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.

Rev. Donnie Hussey closed in prayer asking the blessing on the food.

Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist Treasurer's Report
October 1, 2012-September 30, 2013

Balance on hand 9/30/12	\$	6,276.27
Total received 10/1/12 - 9/30/13	\$	21,710.56
	\$	27,986.83

Paid Out

Board of Retirement	\$	784.07
Florida State Association	\$	11,024.95
General Fund	\$	4,537.11
Bill George Scholarship	\$	440.99
Library Fund	\$	-
Florida Mission Shares	\$	2,425.51
State Promotional Office	\$	1,102.49
Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$	2,204.99

Total Paid Out	\$	22,520.11
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Balance on Hand- 9/30/11	\$	5,466.72
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Account Balances

Board of Retirement	\$	-
Florida State Association	\$	-
Bill George Scholarship	\$	-
General Fund	\$	4,134.07
Interest Income	\$	128.28
Library Fund	\$	1,204.37
Florida Mission Shares	\$	-
State Promotional Office	\$	-
Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$	-

Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan & Scholarship Fund-
Balance on hand, June 2013 - \$16,885.12

Bill & Corene George Scholarship Fund-
Balance on hand, June 2013 - \$13,736.82

Earning rate for both accounts is 2.75%

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.

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.

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 Welch 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 Welch 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.

BY-LAWS
OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Article I. Duties of the Association Officers

Section 1. Moderator - The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the Association; appoint temporary committees, and call the members of the Executive Committee together when necessary.

Section 2. Assistant Moderator - The Assistant Moderator shall preside over the meetings of the association in the absence of the Moderator. He shall assist the Moderator in the general work of the association. He shall assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Section 3. Provision for Moderator - In case of the absence of both Moderator and Assistant Moderator, the body shall elect the Moderator for that session.

Section 4. Clerk - The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the business sessions of the association and of the executive committee, and shall edit and have them printed into annual minutes for the general information of the member churches.

The Clerk shall also (1) collect the letters and reports from the churches, (2) prepare the association report to the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist churches, (3) prepare all correspondence for the association, (4) if replaced, turn all records of the association over to the successor in office, (5) give the report of meetings to the association.

Section 5. Treasurer - The treasurer shall have charge of all association funds. He / she shall keep a record of all moneys received and paid out by the association, make and give a financial report at each business session of the association, and if replaced, turn all records of the association with the funds over to his/her successor in office.

Article II. Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee - The Executive Committee shall act for the association of churches when it is not in session on things that cannot wait until the association is in regular session.

- a This committee shall plan and arrange the year's program for all sessions of the association.
- b This committee shall act as the promotional agency for the various work of the association.
- c This committee shall be called into session when necessary by the Moderator or, in his absence, by the Assistant Moderator.
- d This committee shall give a report of all business to the association.
- e The Executive Committee is to be in charge of all deeds and paperwork dealing with property of the Association.
- f The Executive Committee is to regulate and oversee the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.
- g The Executive Committee is to collect funds on promissory notes.

BYLAWS- continued...

Section 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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.