

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTIETH SESSION
OF THE
LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION
OF THE
UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Held With
RANGE CHURCH
RANGE, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 7-8, 1949

OFFICERS

E. E. Brooks, Moderator; R. T. Coleman, Assistant Moderator; William G. Palmer, Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. L. Jerkins, M. M. Burkette, L. S. Nalls, Charlie Woods, and Floyd Milstead

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Any ordained minister and two ordained deacons

The next Association will be held with Canaan Church, Route 4, Brewton, Alabama, to begin at 9:00 O'clock A. M. Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1950.

The 5th Sunday Meeting will be held with Union Grove Church, Route one, Castleberry, Alabama, to begin Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July.

PASTORS FOR 1950

Semirah Springs.....	W. A. Wilkinson
Pine Grove.....	G. J. Hollingsworth
Canaan.....	E. E. Brooks
Midway.....	R. R. Ziglar
Union Grove.....	E. E. Brooks
Range.....	Thomas Givans
Antioch.....	G. J. Hollingsworth
Bethlehem.....	G. J. Hollingsworth

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting was opened by singing, "The Old Country Church" and "I'm Going That Way."

Rev. Coleman read a portion of the 13th Chapter of Genesis (verses 5 through 9).

Rev. G. W. Martin led in prayer.

An invitation was given for members. There were no members.

The visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. They were: Rev. R. R. Ziglar, Bro. Ford S. Lewis and J. H. Garvin, all of Andalusia, Alabama, Bro. J. T. Flemming of Bluff Springs, Fla., Bro. and Sis. W. H. Jerkins, and Bro. and Sis. W. J. Ammerson of Atmore, Alabama.

We took the right hand of fellowship.

The body was declared ready for business.

Bros. O. E. Johnson and R. L. Jerkins were appointed as Reading Clerks.

Ministers Present:

Rev. R. T. Coleman.....	Pardido, Ala.
Rev. T. F. Lord.....	Uriah, Ala.
Rev. E. E. Brooks.....	Uriah, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Martin.....	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.
Rev. G. J. Hollingsworth.....	Star Route, Atmore, Ala.
Rev. Thomas Givans.....	Atmore, Ala.

Ministers' Honor Roll

The following ministers, due to old age and bad health, are retired or partially retired:

Rev. W. H. Bailey and Rev. Z. T. Long.

Preaching Committee and Report:

M. M. Burkett
Earl Lisenby
Sam Chaucers

Rev. R. R. Ziglar will preach at 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. G. W. Martin open service and Rev. E. E. Brooks following at night. Rev. R. T. Coleman will preach Friday morning at 11:00 and Rev. Thomas Givans at night.

Churches and their delegates:

Semirah Springs:	Sis. Ruth Brown
	Sis. Isabelle Woods
	Bro. Charlie Woods

Pine Grove: Bro. T. S. Coleman
Sis. T. S. Coleman
Bro. R. J. Foster

Canaan Church: Bro. J. C. Hall
Bro. W. F. Lisenby
Bro. L. S. Nail

Midway Church: Rev. G. W. Martin
Sis. G. W. Martin
Bro. Jepp. Wilson

Union Grove Church: Bro. W. G. Palmer
Bro. Sam Chavers
Sis. Sam Chavers

Range Church: Bro. R. L. Jerkins
Bro. O. E. Johnson

Antioch Church: Bro. Frank Barlow
Bro. Alton Seals
Bro. Martin Stewart
Bro. Bill Prichett

Call for New Churches:

Bethlehem Church (Delegates)
Bro. John Lewis
Bro. Roy Hollingsworth

Call for Church Letters:

The following Church Letters were read and adopted:

Semirah Springs Church.....	paid \$ 6.32
Pine Grove Church.....	paid 5.00
Canaan Church.....	paid 10.00
Midway Church.....	paid 5.00
Union Grove Church.....	paid 15.00
Range Church.....	paid 8.25
Antioch Church.....	paid 5.00
Bethlehem Church.....	paid 3.00
Shilo Church.....	(As a gift) paid 3.00

Clerk's Report for 1949

Total paid in treasury last year.....	\$88.65
Money paid out:	
Printing of Minutes.....	\$35.00
Fee to State and National Associations.....	15.00
Delegates expense to State Association.....	7.74
Paid Clerk.....	20.00
Mailing expenses.....	1.51

Credential blanks.....	3.00
Total Expense.....	82.25
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 6.40

Report read and adopted
Adjourned all business until 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. G. J. Hollingsworth led in prayer.
The body was declared ready for business.

Ministers' Reports:

To the honorable body of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ:

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. of sermons preached, 50; No. of members received, none; No. baptized, 2; received by baptism, none; by letter and confession of faith, none; miles traveled, 1,260; money received, \$138.60; funerals preached, 4; couples married, 1; churches organized, none.

Rev. R. T. Coleman

To the honorable body of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ:

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. of sermons preached, 115; No. members received, 13; No. received by baptism, 11; No. received by letter and confession of faith, 2; miles traveled, 4,867; money received, \$413.43; No. funerals preached, 2; couples married, 1; churches organized, none; traveling expenses, \$300.00.

Rev. E. E. Brooks

To the honorable body of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ:

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. of sermons preached, 152; No. members received, 17; received by baptism, 7; received by letter and confession of faith, 10; miles traveled, 4,500; money received, \$150.00; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, 1.

Rev. G. J. Hollingsworth

To the honorable body of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ:

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. of sermons preached, 52; No. members received, none; miles

traveled, 2,400; money received, \$98.00; traveling expenses, \$32.00.

Rev. G. W. Martin

To the honorable body of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ:

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. of sermons, 87; No. members received, none; couples married, none; funerals preached, none; miles traveled, 4,500; money received, \$435.67.

Rev. Thomas Givan

To the honorable body of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ:

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. of sermons preached, 31; No. members received, 5; received by baptism, 3; by letter and confession of faith, 2; miles traveled, 2,201; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none; traveling expenses, \$61.60.

Rev. T. F. Lord

Adjourned all business until 9:30 Saturday a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was opened by singing, "When the Redeemed are Gathering In" and "Inside the Home Gate."

Bro. Ridgway led in prayer.

Rev. R. T. Coleman led the devotional by reading a portion of the 15th Chapter of St. John.

The right hand of fellowship was given to all delegates who had just come in, and to all visitors. They were: R. P. Ammerson, Earnest Wiggans, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rigsby.

The body was declared ready for business.

Call for Committee reports.

Committee on Obituaries:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find the deaths as follows: Bro. A. O. Allen, age 65; Bro. G. W. Peacock, age 78; Bro. J. W. Brown, age 67; Bro. F. R. Shipp, age 58; Sis. Sallie Baggett, age 58; Rev. R. J. Money, age 71; Sis. George May, age unknown.

J. C. Hall, Chairman

Report accepted and committee dismissed.

Committee on Finance:

We, your Committee on Finance, find \$60.57 paid in

treasury this year and \$6.40 brought forward from last year, making a total of \$66.97 in treasury now.

O. E. Johnson, Chairman

Report accepted and committee dismissed.

Committee on Home Missions:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report that we find that \$275.59 has been spent this year for Home Mission work.

L. S. Nalls, Chairman

Committee on Standing of Ministry:

We, your Committee on Standing Ministry, find the ministers that have reported have done a fine year's work and urge that they continue their good work.

M. M. Burkette, Chairman

Committee on F. W. B. League:

We, your Committee of F. W. B. L. find one League in this Association, at Union Grove Church, Route 1, Castleberry, Ala. We beg every church to organize a League.

Sis. W. G. Palmer, Chairman

Committee on Sabbath Schools:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, find all eight of our churches with good Sabbath Schools, which is a great improvement from last year. We urge the pastor of each church to encourage the growth of it's Sabbath School.

Sis. Sam Chavers, Chairman

Committee on Suggestions:

We, your Committee on Suggestions, suggest that the Association be held with Canaan Church, Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala. That the 5th Sunday Meeting be held with Union Grove Church, Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala., and the Sunday School Convention be held with Pine Grove Church at Perdido, Ala.

T. S. Coleman, Chairman

Adjourned all business until 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. Thomas Givans led in prayer, and the body was declared ready for business.

Bro. L. S. Nalls was elected to go to the State Association.

An offering of \$13.03 was taken to help pay Bro. L. S. Nalls' expenses.

The Clerk was authorized to give \$11.97 from the treasury to the offering, making a total of \$25.00.

\$15.00 was sent as fees to the Association.

Rev. Thomas Givans was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Bro. M. M. Burkette was re-elected as Chairman of the Sunday School Convention.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the people of Range Church and community for their kind hospitality during our stay here.

Having finished all business we adjourned to meet with Union Grove Church at 10:00 o'clock, Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in July, 1950, and to meet as an Association with Canaan Church, Brewton, Ala., Rt. 4, at 9:00 o'clock Friday morning before the second Sunday in October, 1950.

We took the parting hand.

William G. Palmer, Clerk
Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to God—One God and Father of all. Eph 4:6.
2. As to Scriptures—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. II Tim. 3:16.
3. As to Freedom of Will—"Ye will not come unto Me." John 5:40. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.
4. As to Condition of Salvation—He (Christ) died for all. II Cor. 5:15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13. "For in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.
5. As to Election—"God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." Acts 10:34-35.
6. As to Grace—"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11. "For by Grace are ye saved through faith." Eph. 2:8.
7. As to Faith—"Justified by faith," Rom. 5:1. "This

is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.

8. As to Works—"Faith without works is dead." James 2:20. "God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.

9. As to Baptism—"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

10. As to Subject to Baptism—"If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest." Acts 8:37. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.

11. As to Oneness of the Christian Church—"Is Christ divided?" I Cor. 1:13. "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." John 15:5. "That they may be one as we are." John 17:11-21. "There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Eph. 4:4.

12. As to Communion—"This do in remembrance of Me." Luke 22:19. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat the bread and drink of the cup." I Cor. 11:28. "Let no man, therefore judge you." Col. 2:16.

13. As to the Resurrection—"For the hour cometh in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice and shall come forth." John 5:28-29. "For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." I Cor. 15:52.

14. As to Judgment, Reward and Punishment—"For we shall all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14:10. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:46.

15. As to Feet Washing—"Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14. "For I have given you an example." John 13:15. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord." John 13:16. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17. "Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example." I Peter 2:21.

CHURCH COVENANT

In order to have more perfect and free Christian love and fellowship for each other, and to advance the cause of

our Lord, and Master, we do hereby agree and covenant, by the help of God, our Father, and aided by the Holy Spirit, to keep the ordinances, precepts and examples, as laid down in the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

AS TO THE RULES

Article 1

Sec. 1. When a sufficient number of members are ready for organization the articles of faith and church covenant shall be read and if adopted the right hand of fellowship shall be extended, and after prayer they shall proceed to the election of officers, after which they shall be declared organized and ready for business.

Sec. 2. No church shall be organized with less than three male members, nor within six miles of another church of the same faith, unless in towns or cities.

Sec. 3. The officers of a church shall be a pastor, one or more deacons, and a clerk and treasurer, and not less than three trustees.

Sec. 4. The church shall call their pastor at the next conference preceeding the last regular conference, in the Associational year, unless in case of a vacancy; in such case they may call a conference for that purpose.

Sec. 5. Any church, in case of necessity, may call a conference and elect one of their members, or a visiting minister, as moderator.

Sec. 6. The church may hold a conference as often as it deems it necessary.

Sec. 7. It is suggested that the church commune and wash the members' feet as often as convenient, and it shall not be postponed on account of disobedient members.

Sec. 8. The church shall not try a member without a hearing unless said member refuses to attend conference, when notified to do so.

Sec. 9. The church may grant a license to any member in good standing to preach the gospel if it deems him worthy and competent, and said license shall be good as long as he is an advantage to the cause, but shall be ordained only by the recommendation or order of the church.

Sec. 10. When deacons are to be ordained the church

shall call a presbytery or instruct their pastor to do so for that purpose. And said presbytery shall be composed of two ministers or one minister and two deacons.

Sec. 11. Deacons shall not be ordained until they are tried.

Sec. 12. Each minister shall be a member of some live church and in good standing with the church.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine and discipline, and the rule of holy living and the church members' duties.

Sec. 14. No member shall give or attend card parties, or attend other places of worldly amusement, or allow such things to be held in their homes, and drunkenness is strictly forbidden.

Sec. 15. No minister or preacher, of any other denomination shall be allowed to preach or hold a revival in any of our churches, unless the pastor of the church, or the Evangelist be present.

Sec. 16. Any minister, except those on honor roll, who do not report in person or by letter, to the Association's name will be left out of the minute.

Sec. 17. All of our ministers preach tithing and encourage the same in their churches.

Article 2

Sec. 1. The pastor shall attend his church monthly unless providentially hindered, and shall sit as moderator and see that justice is done, but may appoint some suitable brother to sit in his stead when he thinks proper for the cause. He shall also hold a protracted meeting with his church once a year.

Sec. 2. The deacons shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the direction of the church. They shall watch over the flock, advise the unruly members and report such to the church conference, when necessary, and may administer the ordinance of baptism; they shall make all necessary arrangements for the communion; look into the needs of the church, and the support of the pastor; they shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's supper and wash each other's

feet, and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference.

Sec. 3. The clerk shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the discretion of the church; he shall keep a record of the members and minutes of the business transactions of the church, and shall read the same at the conference as often as the church may demand, and shall turn all books and papers over to the successor in office.

Sec. 4. The trustees shall be elected by the church, and shall hold office for two years and until their successors are elected, unless removed for cause; they have charge of the deeds and all other church property, and shall look after the repairs of the church, but cannot sell or otherwise dispose of the church property without an order from the church in conference.

Sec. 5. No one shall be received in the church unless spiritually baptized, by an ordained baptizer.

Sec. 6. Members must pay their debts contracted by them, or make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors, and they shall help pay their pastors.

Sec. 7. We recommend that each church elect a Home Mission Treasurer and all money collected for Home Missions be retained in the church and paid out only by order of the church.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting brethren to sit with us.
 2. Opportunity for members.
 3. Reading of the minutes of last conference.
 4. Church reports of acknowledgement.
 5. Deacons reports.
 6. Unfinished business.
 7. Miscellaneous business.
 8. Motion to adjourn.
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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949 OF THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	Paster for '49	CLERK'S NAME	CLERK'S ADDRTESS	Time of Meeting...	Paid Pastor.....	Paid to Orphanage..	Home Mission.....	Present Membership	Amt. for Association
Semirah Springs	W. A. Wilkinson	Ruth Brown	Uriah, Ala.	4-5	75.58	28.00		125	6.32
Pine Grove	G. J. Hollingsworth	Sallie Chalm	Perdido, Ala.	1-5	75.00		155.00	58	5.00
Canaan	E. E. Brooks	Marvin Lisenby	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.	3-5	131.65		37.59	97	10.00
Midway	R. R. Ziglar	Doris Martin	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.	2-5	47.85			32	5.00
Union Grove	E. E. Brooks	Esther Gray	Rt. 2, Brewton, Ala.	2-5	245.25		30.00	78	15.00
Range	Thomas Givans	W. T. Lewis	Range, Ala.	4-5	57.24	16.50		68	8.25
Antioch	G. J. Hollingsworth	Doris Hollingsworth	St. Rt., Athmore, Ala.	3-5	200.00		25.00	30	5.00
Bethlehem	G. J. Hollingsworth	Roy Hollingsworth	Bay Springs, Fla.	4-5	5.00			7	3.00

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