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**SIXTY-FIRST SESSION  
OF THE  
LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
UNITED FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Held With  
CANNAN CHURCH  
Rt. 4, BREWTON, ALABAMA**

**OCTOBER 6-7, 1950**

**OFFICERS**

**R. T. Coleman, Moderator; S. A. Ridgway, Assistant Moderator; William G. Palmer, Clerk-Treas.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**R. L. Jerkins, M. M. Burkette, L. S. Nalls, Charlie Woods, Floyd Milstid.**

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

**Any ordained minister and two ordained deacons.**

**The next Association will be held with Pine Grove Church, Perdido, Alabama, to begin at 9:30 O'clock A. M. Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1951.**

**The 5th Sunday Meeting will be held with Range Church, Range, Alabama, to begin Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1951.**

**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.**





### PASTORS FOR 1951

Semirah Springs.....	W. A. Wilkinson
Pine Grove.....	G. J. Hollingsworth
Cannan.....	Gene Sanford
Midway.....	W. M. Patrick
Union Grove.....	E. E. Brooks
Range.....	R. R. Ziglar
Antioch.....	G. J. Hollingsworth

## PROCEEDINGS

Meeting was opened by singing "I'll Live in Glory" and "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus."

Rev. E. E. Brooks read a portion of the 3rd chapter of Romans.

Rev. R. T. Coleman led in prayer.

An invitation for members was given. There were none.

The visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. They were: Bro. J. G. Toney, Bro. Walter Ammerson and wife, Cecil Boyington, Bertha Bell, Vernon Williamson, and Margrett Hall.

We took the right hand of fellowship.

Bro. O. E. Johnson and Bro. Marvin Lisenby were appointed as reading clerks.

### Ministers Present:

Rev. R. T. Coleman.....	Pardido, Ala.
Rev. T. T. Lord.....	Uriah, Ala.
Rev. E. E. Brook.....	Uriah, Ala.
Rev. G. F. Hollingsworth.....	Atmore, Ala.
Rev. I. L. Tolbert.....	Rt. 2, Brewton, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Martin.....	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.
Rev. Thomas Givans.....	Robertsdale, Ala.
Rev. S. A. Ridgway.....	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.

### Visiting Ministers:

Rev. F. M. Right.....	Opp, Ala.
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### Ministers' Honor Roll:

The following ministers, due to old age and bad health, are retired or partially retired:  
Rev. W. H. Bailey.

### Preaching Committee and Report:

Bro. M. M. Burkett  
Bro. L. S. Nalls  
Bro. Henry Lisenby

Rev. Thomas Givans will preach at the 11:00 O'clock service. Rev. R. T. Coleman will open the service and Rev. E. E. Brooks will follow him Friday night.

Saturday A. M. at 11:00 o'clock service Bro. F. M. Right will open and Bro. G. J. Hollingsworth will close.

Bro. G. D. McVay will open the service and Bro. Gean Santford will follow him at the evening services.



## Churches and their delegates:

Semirah Springs	1. Bro. Uly Gibson 2. Rev. T. F. Lloyd 3. Sis. Ruth Brown
Pine Grove	1. Bro. T. S. Coleman 2. Sis. T. S. Coleman 3. Floyd Milstid
Midway	1. Rev. G. W. Martin 2. Sis. G. W. Martin 3. Sis. Ike Talbert
Cannan	1. Rev. J. C. Hall 2. Bro. L. S. Nalls 3. Bro. A. J. Hammock 4. Bro. M. J. Cruethfield
Union Grove	1. Bro. H. T. Baggett 2. Sis. Jack Benifield 3. Bro. M. M. Burkette
Range	1. O. E. Johnson 2. Mrs. O. E. Johnson 3. Bro. W. T. Lewis
Antioch	1. M. H. Albritton 2. Frank Barlow 3. Agnes Hollingsworth

Call for New Churches: There were none.

## Call for Church Letters:

Semirah Springs.....	paid \$ 6.65
Pine Grove.....	paid 5.00
Cannan .....	paid 11.00
Midway .....	paid 5.00
Union Grove.....	paid 15.00
Range .....	paid 8.00
Antioch .....	paid 2.00

## Clerk's Report for 1950:

Total paid in last year.....\$74.38

## Money paid out:

For printing of Minutes.....	\$27.05
For printing preachers' reports.....	2.50
For associational purposes.....	15.00

The Clerk for his services.....	15.00
For mailing of Minutes.....	1.50
To delegate of State Ass'n. for his expense....	11.97

Total paid out.....\$73.02

Balance in Treasury now.....\$ 1.36  
Report read and adopted.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. G. W. Martin 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, 112; No. of members received, 17; No. baptized, none; No. received by baptism, 16; No received by letter and confession of faith, 1; miles traveled, 5,750; money received, \$375.35; funerals preached, none; couples married, one. churches organized, none.

Rev. Thomas Givan

Report read and accepted.

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

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. sermons preached, 30; No. members received, 2; received by baptism, 1; received by letter and confession of faith, 1; miles traveled, 1,500; money received \$12.30; No. funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Rev. T. F. Lord

Report read and accepted.

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

I beg to report my year's work as follows. No. sermons preached, 29; No. members received, none; received by baptism, none; received by letter and confession of faith, none; miles traveled, 436; money received, \$9.00; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Rev. S. A. Ridgway

Report read and accepted.



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

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. sermons preached, 120; No. members received, 18; received by baptism, 8; received by letter and confession of faith, 10; miles traveled, 6,956; money received, \$598.32; funerals preached, 1; couples married, none; churches organized none.

Rev. E. E. Brooks

Report read and accepted.

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

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. sermons preached, 40; members received, none; by baptism, none, by letter and confession of faith, none; miles traveled, 1,333; money received, \$26.30; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Rev. G. W. Martin

Report read and accepted.

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

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. sermons preached, 125; No. members received, 16; received by baptism, 9; by letter and confession of faith, 4; miles traveled, 1800; money received, \$325.00; funerals preached, none, couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Rev. G. J. Hollingsworth

Report read and accepted.

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

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. sermons preached, 50; No. members received, none; received by baptism, 5; by letter and confession of faith, none; miles traveled, 750; money received, \$20.00; funerals, 2; couples married, 2; churches organized, none.

R. T. Coleman

Report read and accepted.

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

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. sermons preached, 92; members received, 3; by baptism, 3; by letter and confession of faith, none; miles traveled,

2,240; money received, \$102.25; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Rev. I. J. Tolbert

Report read and accepted.

Adjourned all business until 9:30 Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was opened by singing, "I'm a Private in the Army of the Lord" and "Just a Little Talk With Jesus." Bro. Walter Ammerson led in prayer. Rev. R. T. Coleman led the devotional by reading a portion of 16th chapter of St. Luke.

The body was declared ready for business. Call for committee reports.

### Committee on Obituaries:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, are regretful for the following deaths: Sis. Essie Hollingsworth, age 59; Bro. Sam Woods, age 65; Bro. W. A. Allen age 67; Sam Gerald, age 72; Sis. Mollie Leris, age 74; Sis. Mollie Crutchfield, age 75.

J. C. Hall, Chairman

Report accepted; committee dismissed.

### Committee on Finance:

We, your Committee on Finance, find \$56.90 paid in the treasury this year. \$1.36 brought forward from last year, making a total of \$57.26 in treasury now.

Bro. L. S. Nalls, Chairman

Report accepted; committee dismissed.

### Committee on Home Missions:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report that \$351.69 has been spent this year for home mission work.

Sis. Ruth Brown, Chairman

Report accepted; committee dismissed.

### Committee on Standing and Ministry:

We, your Committee on Standing of Ministry, find that all ministry in Liberty No. 1 Association in good standing and require them to keep up the good work.

M. M. Burkette, Chairman

Report accepted; committee dismissed.



### Committee on Free Will Baptist League:

We, your Committee on F. W. B. L. find two leagues in this Association. We encourage all churches to organize a league next year.

Sis. Isabell Woods, Chairman

Report accepted; committee dismissed.

### Committee on Sabbath Schools:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, find 6 churches with schools. We urge the pastor of every church to encourage and help in the development of better Sabbath Schools.

Sis. Floyd Milstid, Chairman

Report accepted; committee dismissed.

### Committee on Suggestion:

We, your Committee on Suggestion, suggest the Association be held with Pine Grove Church, Perdido, Alabama and the 5th Sunday Meeting be held with Range Church, Range, Alabama. The Sunday School Convention be held with Semirah Springs, Uriah, Alabama.

O. E. Johnson, Chairman

Report accepted; committee dismissed.

Adjourned all business until 1:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. R. T. Coleman led in prayer. The body was declared ready for business.

The Clerk was authorized to send a fee of \$20.00 to the State Association and to use enough money out of the treasury as was necessary to pay his expense to said State Association.

The Clerk was paid \$15.00 for his services as clerk.

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

Rev. G. J. Hollingsworth was elected to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Rev. Thomas Givans asked for a letter of dismission from Liberty No. 1 Association to join with the Free Pentecostal Assembly, Inc. The Clerk was authorized to give him a letter of dismission which was given him that day.

A collection of \$49.14 was taken for Associational expense making a total of \$106.40 in the treasury now.

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

Having finished all business, we adjourned to meet with Range Saturday morning before the 5th Sunday in July, 1951 and with Pine Grove Church as an Association Friday Morning at 9:30 O'clock before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1951.

We took the parting hand.

Wm. G. Palmer, Clerk

Rt. 1, Castleberry, Alabama

## 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 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 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 accosnt 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 their 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. 7. We recommend that each church elect a Home Missions 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.
  8. Motion to adjourn.
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# STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1950 OF THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR FOR '50	CLERK'S NAME	CLERK ADDRESS	Time of Meeting....	Paid Pastor.....	Paid Orphanage.....	Home Mission.....	Present Membership	Amt. for Association
Semirah Springs	W. A. Wilkinson	Ruth Brown	Uriah, Ala.	4-	\$106.78	\$	\$ 57.50	203	\$ 6.65
Pine Grove	G. J. Hollingsworth	Sallie Chafin	Perdido, Ala.	1-5	75.00		200.00	65	5.00
Cannan	E. E. Brooks	Marvin Lisenby	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.	3-5	215.69	8.00	5.00	99	11.00
Midway	R. R. Ziglar	Doris Martin	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.	4-5	52.76			46	5.00
Range	Thomas Givans	W. T. Lewis	Range, Ala.	4-5	109.09		20.69	56	8.00
Antioch	G. J. Hollingsworth	Doris Hollingsworth	St. Rt., Atmore, Ala.	3-5	150.00			60	5.00
Union Grove	E. E. Brooks	Esther Gray	Rt. 2, Brewton, Ala.	2-5	243.32		68.50	109	15.00

Pastors For 1951 On Inside Front Cover