

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

**Held With**  
**UNION GROVE CHURCH**

**Castleberry, Ala. Route 1**

**OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 1952**

**O F F I C E R S**

**E. E. Brooks, Moderator Asst. R. T. Coleman,**  
**Moderator. W. F. Lisenby, Clerk**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Any ordained minister and two ordained deacons

The next Association will be held with Cannan Church, Brewton, Ala., Route 4, to begin at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Friday before the second Sunday in October 1953.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held with Range Church, Range, Ala. to begin on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August 1953.



## PASTORS FOR 1953

D. L. Tolbert .....	Cannan Church
W. M. Patrick .....	New Home Church
Grady Hollingworth .....	Antioch Church
Gene Sanford .....	Range Church
W. H. Wilkson .....	Pine Grove Church
Gene Sanford .....	Semirah Springs
J. W. Arneth .....	Union Grove....

## PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was opened by singing "O, the Glory Did Roll," and "Holy Light Keep Shining on Me", Led in prayer A good devotional was given by Rev. R. T. Coleman.

The visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. They were Mrs. Mamie L. Palmer and Mrs. E. M. Crutchfield.

We took the right hand of fellowship.

Delagates were seated.

Bro. Otis Johnson and Rev. T. F. Lord were appointd reading clerks.

### Ministers Present:

Rev. John Arnett .....	Box 91, Frisco City, Ala.
Rev. R. T. Coleman .....	Perdido, Ala.
Rev. I. C. Tolbert .....	Rt. 2, Brewton, Ala.
Rev. E. E. Brooks .....	Uriah, Ala.
Rev. S. A. Ridgeway .....	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.
Rev. G. J. Hollingsworth .....	Atmore, Ala.
Rev. G. W. Martin .....	Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.
Rev. T. F. Lord .....	Uriah, Ala.

### Visiting Ministers:

Sam Patrick, Rev. L. V. Pinson, A. C| Wiggins, J. G. Long, E. L. Williamson.

### Ministers Honor Roll:

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

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

### Preaching Committee and Report:

Bro. Thomas Coleman  
Bro. E. M. Crutchfield  
Bro. R. L. Jerkins

Rev. E. E. Brooks at 11 o'clock and will preach at 7:30 o'clock. Bro. Williams, L. V. Pinson Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. And S. A. Ridgeway, T. F. Lord and W. M. Patrick.



## Churches and Their Delegates:

Semirah Springs	T. F. Lord Maggie Johnson Isabell Woods
Pine Grove	Mrs. T. S. Coleman Mrs. R. T. Foster
New Home	E. M. Crutchfield W. G. Martin Mrs. Bessie Smith Mrs. I. Cooper Mrs. Holly Smith
Cannan	Mrs. L. S. Nalls Mrs. W. F. Lisenby Mr. W. F. Lisenby J. C. Hall
Union Grove	Mr. William Benfield Mrs. W. G. Palmer
Range	Bro. Otis Johnson Bro. R. L. Jerkins
Antioch	Mrs. Angas Hollingsworth Mrs. Emma Brown Mrs. Julia Albritton
Pine Forest	Bro. John Arnett W. M. Munden R. L. Thoran

## Call for Church Letters:

Semirah Springs	\$15.00
Pine Grove	\$15.00
New Home	\$15.00
Cannan	\$15.00
Union Grove	\$15.00
Range	\$15.00
Antioch	\$15.00
Pine Forest	\$15.00
Return from old clerk	\$ 8.81
TOTAL	\$128.81

## Clerk's Report for 1952:

Total Paid in	\$128.81
For Minutes	\$35.00
To the State National Assoc.	\$20.00
To clerk	\$20.00
Delegates to the Assoc.	\$30.00
Total Paid out	\$105.00
Ba'ance left	\$ 23.81
Letter received.	

Adjourned for lunch until 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Otis Johnson led in prayer. The body delcared ready for business. Delegates were seated in their designated sections.

## Minister's Reports:

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached 57; No. of members received, none; received by baptism, none; By letter and confession of faith, none; Miles traveled 988; Money received, \$192.55; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Signed, S. A. Ridgeway

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached, 35; No. received by baptism, 1; Money received, \$113.35; couples married, 1; churches organized, none.

Signed I. L. Tolbert

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached, 128; No. of members received, 8; rec. by baptism, 7; letter and confession of faith, 1; miles traveled, 1.400; money received, \$350.00; funerals preached, 2; couples married, none.

Signed G. A. Hollingsworth



I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached, 18; members recd., none; recd. by baptism, none; by letter and confession of faith, none; miles traveled, 390; money received, \$28.00; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Signed G. W. Martin

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached, 62; no. of members received, 14; recd. by baptism, none; by letter and confession of faith, 1; miles traveled, 650; money received, \$174.00; funerals preached, 2; couples married, none; churches organized, none

Signed J. W. Arnett

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. sermons preached, 98; no. of members received, 8; recd. by baptism, 1; by letter and confession of faith, 7; miles traveled, 6,597; money received, \$377.90; funerals preached, 1.

Signed E. E. Brooks

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached, 25; no. of members received, 2; by baptism, 1; by letter and confession of faith, 1; miles traveled, 1,1454; money received, \$76.40; funerals preached, none; couples married, 2; churches organized, none; expense \$31.67

Signed W. M. Patrick

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached, 15; no. of members received, none; recd. by baptism, none; by letter and confession of faith, none miles traveled, 28; money received, none; funerals preached, none; couples married, none; churches organized, none. Traveling expense, \$10.00.

Signed T. F. Lord

I beg to report my year's work as follows;  
No. of sermons preached, 33; no. of members received, 4; recd. by baptism, none; by letter and confession of faith, 4; miles traveled, 1,209; money received, \$63.56; funerals preached, 2; couples married, none; churches organized, none.

Signed R. T. Coleman

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

"We Shall Have Glory Over There," "Will Be Happy Over There," S. A. Ridgeway open service. Jude 1-18. Bro. Sam Patrick led in prayer. Body called to order.

#### Committee on Obituaries:

We your committee on obituaries are regretful for the following deaths: Sis. Mollie Money, age 70; Bro. J. M. Cook, age unknown; Bro. Neal McGhee; Sis. Georgia Parish, age 72; Sis. Dora Jones, age 67.

Ella Nalls

#### Committee on Home Missions:

We your committee on Home Missions find that \$1,637.80 have been paid in for Home Missions this year.

Chairman, Rev. T. F. Lord

#### Committee on Finance:

We the committee on Finance find \$128.81 in the treasury.

Chairman, W. T. Lewis

#### Committee on Sabbath School:

We, your committee on Sabbath School beg to report that every church has a Sunday school, Hope the next year following will be better.

Chairman, Omer Lisenby

#### Committee on Standing and Ministry:

We your committee on Standing and Ministry find the highest part are on the stand still, We urge them to go forward in the future.

Chairman, J. C. Hall

#### Committee on Free Will Baptist League:

We, your committee on F. W. B. L. find 2 Leaguess this year. One at Semirah Springs and one at Castleberry. We feel this a good training for young people, We encourage all churches to organize a League.

Chairman, Mrs. T. S. Coleman

#### Committee on Suggestions:

We, the suggestion committee suggest that the Minutes be published as of the 1938 Minutes. Association be held with Cannan Church. And the business fifth Sunday meeting with Pine Grove. and the Sunday School Convention the fifth Sunday in June at Range Church. The second fifth Sunday meeting at Semirah Springs.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

L. S. Nalls elected to the State Association. Clerk was authorized to give \$30.00 to the State Asso. It was passed on for the next State Asso. to be held with New Home Church Brewton, Ala. Rt.4.

W. F. Lisenby, Clerk  
Route 4  
Brewton, 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. 2nd 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. 2nd 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." 1st John 5:4.
8. As to Works—"Faith without works is dead." James 2:6. "God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.
9. As to Baptism—"And they went down both into the water, and when they were come up out of the water." Acts 8:39. "We are buried with Him by baptism unto death." Rom. 6:4.
10. As to Subject to Baptism—"If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest." Acts 8:27. "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?" 1 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." 1 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. "For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." 1 Cor. 15:52.
14. As to the 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." 1 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 Savior Jesus Christ.

### AS TO THE RULES—ARTICLE 1.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 4. The church shall call their pastor at the next conference preceding 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.

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

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

Section 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.

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

Section 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.

Section 10. When ministers or deacons are to be ordained the church shall hold 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.

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

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

Section 13. It shall be the duty of every member, male and 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.

Section 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.

## ARTICLE 2.

Section 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.

Section 2. The deacon 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 in 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.

Section 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 his successor in office.

Section 4. The treasurer shall be elected by the church, shall hold office at the will of the church, shall hold all monies paid into the church for general expenses, and pay out the same only on an order from the church, in conference, and shall turn over all money and papers to his successor.

Section 5. 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 they cannot sell or otherwise dispose of the church property without an order from the church in conference.

Section 6. No one shall be received in the church unless spiritually baptised, by an ordained baptiser.

Section 7. Members must pay their debts contracted by them, or make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors, and they shall help pay their pastors.

Section 8. 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.

# **STASTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1952 OF THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION**

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	Members	Home Mission	Orphanage	Building	Foreign Miss.
New Home	W. M. Patrick	Bessie Smith, Brewton, Ala.	18	\$302.00			
Semirah Springs	Eugene Sanford	T. F. Lord, Uriah, Ala.	52	.	10.00	50.00	
Union Grove	John Arnett	Mrs. Grady Palmer, R1, Castleberry	90	20.00	167.97	287.59	124.87
Range	Eugene Sanford	Mrs. Sena Hall, Range, Ala.	25	2.00	20.48	90.00	
Cannan	I. L. Tolbert	Mrs. Ella Nalls, R4, Brewton, Ala.	109	105.26	92.51		
Pine Grove	W. H. Wilkson	Mrs. Sallie Chafin, Perdido, Ala.	76	115.00			
Antioch	Grady Hollingsworth	Doris Hollingsworth, Atmore, Ala.	39	150.00			
Pine Forest	John Arnett	Mrs. J. H. Davis, Davisville, Fla.	17			10.00	