

**SEVENTIETH SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION**  
**OF THE**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**HELD WITH**  
**PINE GROVE CHURCH**  
**PERDIDO, ALABAMA**

**OCTOBER 9-10-11, 1959**

**OFFICERS**

WM. G. PALMER.....	Moderator
N. W. CARDEN.....	Asst. Moderator
JESSE J. ODOM.....	Clerk and Treasurer
OTIS JOHNSON.....	Assistant Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

HENRY GANEY, OTIS JOHNSON, HERBERT CARDWELL,  
ALLEN REED, R. L. JERKINS

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

WM. G. PALMER, E. E. BROOKS, N. W. CARDEN,  
C. M. BYRD, R. T. COLEMAN

The next association will be held with Union Grove Church, Castleberry, Ala., on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1960, at 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held with Semirah Springs Church, Uriah, Ala., on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1960, at 9:30 a.m.

## PASTORS FOR 1960

Range \_\_\_\_\_

Pine Grove \_\_\_\_\_ C. M. Byrd and N. W. Carden

Union Grove \_\_\_\_\_ W. G. Palmer

Semirah Springs \_\_\_\_\_ Woodrow Wilkinson

Canaan \_\_\_\_\_ N. W. Carden

Pine Forest \_\_\_\_\_ J. W. Arnette

Friendship \_\_\_\_\_ Woodrow Wilkinson

First F.W.B. Church of Pascagoula \_\_\_\_\_ E. E. Brooks

## ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us.
2. Opportunity for new members.
3. Reading of minutes of last conference.
4. Deacons report.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Motion to adjourn.

## PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was opened by singing, "Amazing Grace", "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder", and "I Feel Like Traveling On". Rev. R. T. Coleman led in Prayer. Devotional was given by Rev. R. T. Coleman. The Lord's Prayer was quoted.

The visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. They were Bro. Bill Bass, Southern Union Association; Bro. Robert Donaldson, Bro. Ed Holley, Bro. E. T. Williamson, all of West Fla. Association; and Bro. Robert Rodgers of Assembly of God Church. An invitation was given for members. There were no members.

We took the right hand of fellowship.

The body was declared ready for business. Bro. Bill Bagget and Sister Gwen Stewart were appointed reading clerks.

Bro. Ivey Stewart and Bro. Henry Ganey were appointed Association Deacons.

## MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. Wm. G. Palmer \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.  
 Rev. S. A. Ridgeway \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.  
 Rev. J. C. Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala.  
 Rev. C. M. Byrd \_\_\_\_\_ Perdido, Ala.  
 Rev. A. D. Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_ 504 4th St., Moss Point, Miss.  
 Rev. I. L. Tolbert \_\_\_\_\_ Brewton, Ala.  
 Rev. E. E. Brooks \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Box 231, Brewton, Ala.  
 Rev. R. T. Coleman \_\_\_\_\_ Perdido, Ala.  
 Rev. N. W. Carden \_\_\_\_\_ Perdido, Ala.



### Preaching Committee and Report:

Bro. Allen Reed, Bro. Ralph Beasley and Bro. Herbert Cardwell.

We report that Rev. C. M. Byrd is to preach Friday a.m., Rev. N. W. Carden and Rev. C. M. Byrd to preach Friday night; Rev. L. U. Pinson Saturday at 11:00. Meeting for Song Service and Communion Saturday night.

Rev. N. W. Carden will preach the introduction sermon next year.

### Churches and Their Delegates:

FIRST F.W.B. OF PASCAGOULA—Bro. and Sis. Booker, Bro. Burnette, Bro. Holifield, Sis. Hawkins.

FRIENDSHIP—Bro. Maxie Bass, Sis. Lucille Bass, Sis. Ruth Carden.

SEMIRAH SPRINGS—Sis. Lois Cardwell, Sis. Parlee Cardwell, Sis. Ruth Brown, Sis. Isabell Woods.

CANAAN—Bro. Jesse Filmore, Sis. Ella Nall, Sis. Eunice Bell.

UNION GROVE—Bro. Bill and Rufus Bagget, Sis. Ruth Bagget, Sis. Ann Benifield.

PINE FOREST—Bro. Will Seales, Bro. Joseph F. Barnes.

RANGE—Sis. Seva Hall, Sis. R. L. Jerkins.

PINE GROVE—Sis. Willie Byrd, Sis. Gwen Stewart, Sis. Melba Chafin.

TRAVELERS' REST—Bro. W. H. Williamson, Bro. James F. Mayhair, Bro. James C. Johnson.

BULLARD—Bro. E. T. Williamson, Bro. Dewey Booker.

### CALL FOR CHURCH LETTERS

Pine Grove .....	\$15.00
Union Grove .....	15.00
Canaan .....	15.00
Pine Forest .....	15.00
Semirah Springs .....	15.00
Friendship .....	15.00
First F.W.B. of Pascagoula .....	15.00
Range .....	15.00

### CLERKS REPORT FOR 1959

Total paid in .....	\$341.58
For Minutes .....	72.21
Clerks Pay .....	20.00
Moderator's Pay .....	15.00
State Association Fee .....	16.00
Mailing Expense .....	2.00
Ministers' I.D. Cards .....	6.70

TOTAL PAID OUT ..... 131.91  
Balance Left ..... 209.67

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Ralph Beasley and Bro. Ivey Stewart were ordained as Deacons.

### MINISTERS' REPORT

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. of sermons preached, 130; Churches pastored, 2; Revivals held, 2; Professions witnessed, 14; No. baptized, 11; Additions to church, 14; Churches organized, none; Funerals preached, 3; Miles traveled, Unknown; Money received, \$1,116.65; Couples married, 2. Signed: WM. G. PALMER

I beg to report my years work as follows: Sermons preached, 55; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held 0; Professions witnessed, 2; No. baptized, 2; Additions to Church, 3; Churches organized, none; Funerals preached, none; Miles traveled, unknown; Money received, \$195.00. Signed: C. M. BYRD

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Sermons preached, 124; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 3; Professions witnessed, 15; No. baptized, 11; Additions to church, 13; Churches organized, none; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, app. 5284; Money received \$171.98. Signed: JAMES C. JOHNSON

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Sermons preached, 203; Churches pastored, 2; Revivals held, 3; Professions witnessed, 16; No. baptized, 6; Additions to church, 7; Churches organized, none; Funerals preached, none; Miles traveled, 3,744; Money received, \$475.96; Couples married, 2. Signed: JAMES W. BARLOW

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Sermons preached, 5; Churches pastored, none; Revivals held, none; Professions witnessed, none; No. baptized, none; Additions to Church, none; Churches organized, none; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, unknown; Money received, none. Signed: S. A. RIDGEWAY



I beg to report my year's work as follows: Sermons preached, 24; No. of members rec., none; Rec. by baptism, none; Rec. by letter and confession of faith, none; Miles traveled, 1200; Money rec. \$36.00; Funerals preached, none; Couples married, none; Churches organized none.  
Signed: J. W. ARNETTE

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. of Sermons preached, 80; No. of members rec., 2; Rec. by baptism, 1; By letter and confession of faith, none; Miles traveled, unknown; Money received, \$327.-86; Funerals preached, 2; Couples married, none; Churches organized, none.  
Signed: N. W. CARDEN

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. of sermons preached, 20; No. of members rec., none; rec. by baptism, none; By letter and confession of faith, none; Miles traveled, unknown; Money received, \$7.13; Funerals preached, helped in 1; Couples married, 1; Churches organized, none.  
Signed: R. T. COLEMAN

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. of sermons preached, 84; No. of members rec., 22; Rec. by baptism, 22; By letter and confession of faith, none; Miles traveled, unknown; Money received, \$435.00; Funerals preached, 1; Couples married, none; Churches organized, none.  
Signed: E. E. BROOKS

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. of sermons preached, 3; No. of members rec., none; Rec. by baptisms, none; By letter and confession of faith, none; Miles traveled, 60; Money received, none; Funerals preached, none; Couples married, 3; Churches organized, none.  
Signed: I. L. TOLBERT

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. of sermons preached, full time; No. of members rec. 22; Rec. by baptism, 12; By letter and confession of faith, 10; Miles traveled, unknown; Money received, \$1,244.00; Funerals preached, 1; Couples married, 1; Churches organized, none.  
Signed: A. D. JERKINS

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting was opened by singing. Song service was led by Bro. Elmer Gray. Bro. Ivan Stewart led in prayer. Devotional was given by Rev. A. D. Jerkins. A portion of the 53rd Chapter of Isa. was read.

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. Bro. Ivan Stewart from Antioch Church.

The body was declared ready for business.

#### Committee on Obituaries:

We, your committee on obituaries, find there have been 5 deaths

in the Association this year: Sis. Edna Butler, age 54, Canaan; Bro. John Stafford, age 86, and Sis. Rosie Peacock, 78, Semirah Springs; Mrs. Madie Chavers, age 78, Friendship; Bro. John Myers, age 31, of Pascagoula. It's sad to part with those we love, but trust to meet them again in Heaven.

Sis. Ruth Carden, Chairman

#### Committee On Home Missions:

We, your committee on Home Mission, find 6 churches paid on Home Missions: First F.W.B. of Pascagoula, \$236.03; Union Grove, \$10.-00; Semirah Springs, \$11.00; Canaan, \$58.00; Friendship, \$9.30; Travelers' Rest, \$76.66. Total of \$400.99. We urge all the other churches of this Association to pay more for Home Missions.

Sis. Isabell Woods, Chairman

#### Committee on Finance:

We, your committee on finance, find \$341.58 in the treasury, which is all correct.

Sis. Willie Byrd, Chairman

#### Committee on Sabbath School:

We, your committee on Sabbath School find all churches represented have Sunday Schools except one, Pine Forest. We urge each church to continue their good work and if so possible we encourage Pine Forest to organize a Sunday School.

Sis. Seva Hall, Chairman

#### Committee on Standing of Ministry:

We, your committee on Standing of Ministry, find a total of 17 ministers, 11 of these have their reports. Only 6 do not have a report. A good number of sermons preached and 80 new members. We wish to express our appreciation for our ministers and the work they have done this year.

Bro. Luke Baggett, Chairman

#### Committee on F.W.B.L.

We, your committee on F.W.B.L. find only 5 churches have League. We urge each church in our Association to organize a League, which is good for both young and old.

Sis. Lula Belle Booker, Chairman

#### Committee on Foreign Mission:



We, your committee on Foreign Missions, find only \$63.97 paid in for Foreign Missions. We suggest that more be spent for Mission work to spread the Gospel.

Sis. Ella Nall, Chairman

#### Committee on W.N.A.C.:

We, your committee on W.N.A.C., find 2 churches have organized a W.N.A.C. since last year, making a total of 3 now. We urge other churches to organize one if possible.

Rev. C. M. Byrd, Chairman

#### Committee on Children's Home:

We, your committee on Children's Home, find a total of \$529.80 paid in this year, which is less than what was paid in last year. We urge that all churches give as much as possible for these children for they are part of our responsibility.

L. S. Nall, Chairman

Reports received and committees dismissed.

Rev. L. U. Pinson preached at 11:00 o'clock. A portion of the 9th Chapter of St. Luke was read.

Adjourned for lunch until 1:00 o'clock.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

#### Committee on Suggestions:

1. The next association will be at Union Grove Church, Castleberry, Ala., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

2. The 5th Sunday Business Meeting will be at Semirah Springs Church, Uriah, Ala., on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1960, at 9:30 A. M.

3. That a permanent record be made and kept of all suggestions adopted at the association from year to year.

4. That all ministers be notified to bring their credentials to the association to be renewed as their I.D. Cards; and each church to notify their ministers to do such.

5. That the association send the executive committee to the ministers who have left the association and request them to return their ordination papers to Liberty No. I Association.

6. For Executive Committee to contact all ministers who have left Liberty No. I Association, also the ones who did not turn in a report.

#### Miscellaneous Business

1. The delegates to the State Association are as follows: Sister Willie Byrd, Sis. Gwen Stewart, Sis. Melba Chafin, Sis. Mamie Lou Palmer, Sis. Hazel Cardwell and Sis. Isabelle Woods.

2. The 5th Sunday Fellowship Meetings will be held as follows: 1st meeting will be at Friendship Church of Pollard the 5th Sunday in January, 1960. 2nd meeting will be at Canaan Church the 5th Sunday in May, 1960. 3rd meeting to be at Pine Forrest Church the 5th Sunday in October, 1960.

### MINISTERS HONOR ROLL

Rev. S. A. Ridgeway

Rev. G. W. Martin

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

Bro. Herbert Cardwell was elected to serve as Supt. of the Sunday School Convention and Sis. Hazel Cardwell was elected to serve as Secretary and Treasurer.

Churches	Percent
Canaan .....	68%
Range .....	78%
Semirah Springs .....	68%
Union Grove .....	99%
Pine Grove .....	99¼%

The next Sunday School Convention will be held with Pine Grove Church the 1st Sunday in May of 1960, as they received the banner by having the highest percentage for 1958.

We took a love offering of \$29.54 for the Free Will Baptist Children's home in Eldridge, Ala.

Having finished all business, we took the parting hand and met back for services Saturday night.

JESSE J. ODOM, Clerk and Treas.  
940A East Elmore Circle  
Chickasaw, 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 until death and I shall give 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 everyone 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. "For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." I 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 righteousness 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 13:10. "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 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. That the Ordaining Council consist of five ordained ministers in good standing in this association to be elected by the body.



Anyone to be ordained to the office of minister or deacon shall upon recommendation of his church appear before this council for ordination.

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 can-

not 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 scripturally baptized, by an ordained Minister or Deacon.

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.

Section 9. We suggest that Preachers Cards be dated to expire on Oct. 31 of each year. If he makes no report, he gets no new card.

Section 10. We suggest that the name of this association be changed to "The Liberty No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptist."

Section 11. Suggest that each church call their pastor by the last of August.

Section 12. Suggest that each Sunday School turn report into Clerk of Sunday School Convention in May.

Section 13. Suggest that the Sunday School of each Church bring a program to the Sunday School Convention to make a more interesting day for the people.

Section 14. Suggest that old and disabled ministers be placed on honor roll by their request and receive identification cards annually.

# STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1959 OF THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Members	Home Missions	Orphanage	Building	Foreign Missions
1st F.W.B. of Pascagoula	E. E. Brooks	Mrs. Clara Burroughs Rt. 3, Box 80, Pascagoula, Miss.	90	\$236.03	\$153.62	\$ 703.63	
Friendship	Woodrow Wilkinson	Lucille Bass Flomaton, Ala.	31	9.30	5.50	49.93	
Canaan	N. W. Carden	Ella Nall Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.	118	58.00	48.60	678.89	
Union Grove	W. G. Palmer	Esther Gray Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.	80	10.00	135.00	718.41	\$58.42
Pine Forest	J. W. Arnette	Catherine L. Barnes Hermon St., Pensacola, Fla.	24			172.00	
Range		R. L. Jerkins Rt. 1, Box 129A, Repton, Ala.	54		27.49		
Pine Grove	C. M. Byrd N. W. Carden	Sallie Chafin Perdido, Ala.	49		16.00	1,900.90	
Semirah Springs	Woodrow Wilkinson	Isabelle Woods Rt. 1, Uriah, Ala.	97	11.00	120.68	454.73	10.00
Travelers' Rest	J. C. Johnson	Lecia Johnson Rt. 1, Box 380, Jay, Fla.	37	76.66	17.89	98.36	3.55
Bullard	E. T. Williamson	Ann Booker Rt. 2, Baker, Fla.	30		5.02	110.52	



## TIME OF MEETING AT EACH CHURCH, 1960

Church	Sun. & Sat. Night Before In Each Month
Canaan .....	1st & 3rd
Range .....	2nd
Semirah Springs .....	1st & 3rd Sunday
Union Grove .....	2nd & 4th Sunday
Pine Grove .....	Each Sunday
Pine Forest .....	1st & 3rd
1st. F. W. B. of Pascagoula.....	Each Sunday and Sunday night
Friendship .....	2nd