

SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION  
OF THE  
LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
HELD WITH  
UNION GROVE CHURCH  
CASTLEBERRY, ALABAMA  
OCT. 7-8-9- 1960

THE NEXT ASSOCIATION WILL BE  
HELD WITH CANMAN CHURCH, RT. 4,  
BRENTON, ALA.

## OFFICERS

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W.G. Palmer----- MODERATOR  
C.H. Byrd-----Asst. Moderator  
JESSE J. ODOM-----Clerk and Treasurer  
OTIS JOHNSON-----Asst. Clerk

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OTIS JOHNSON... HERBERT CIRDWELL  
ALLEN REED, , , , , R.L. JERKINS  
IVAN STEWART

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

E. E. BROOKS, , N.W. CARMEN  
C.H. BYRD, , , R.T. COLEMAN  
W.G. PALMER

The next Association will be held with  
Canaan Church, Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala., on  
Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1961.  
9:30 a.m.

The Business 5th Sunday Meeting will  
be held with Range Church, Range, Ala., on  
Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July 1961,  
9:30 a.m.

# PASTORS FOR 1961

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CANMAN -----N.W. Carden  
 PINE FOREST-----J.W. Arnette  
 RANGE-----  
 UNION GROVE-----W.G. Palmer  
 SEMIRAH SPRINGS-----E.E. Brooks  
 FRIENDSHIP-----Floyd Coleman  
 PINE GROVE-----C.M. Byrd

## TIME OF MEETING AT EACH CHURCH, 1961

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| CHURCH               | SUNDAY                             |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| CANMAN-----          | Each Sunday &<br>Sat. night Before |
| RANGE-----           | 2nd.                               |
| SEMIRAH SPRINGS----- | 1st and 3rd.                       |
| UNION GROVE-----     | Each Sunday                        |
| PINE GROVE-----      | Each Sunday                        |
| PINE FOREST -----    | 1st. & 3rd.                        |
| FRIENDSHIP-----      | 2nd & 4th.                         |

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## 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, "I'm On The Sunny Side", "Blessed Assurance", and "I Love To Walk With Jesus". A welcome was made to all by Rev. W.G. Palmer. Devotional was given by Rev. C.M. Byrd. A portion of the 4th chapter of 1st. John was read beginning at the 7th verse. Prayer by Bro. Byrd.

Rev. E.E. Brooks was given an opportunity to speak on behalf of being the oldest member present.

The visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. They were Rev. Eugene Sanford of Southern Union Asso., Rev. Floyd Coleman & Rev. & Mrs. Aubrey Ashcraft of West Fla. Asso., and Sis. Sophie Andrews. An invitation was given for members. There were no new members.

We took the right hand of fellowship.

The body was declared ready for business. Bro. Otis Johnson and Bro. Herbert Cardwell were appointed reading clerks.

Bro. M. M. Burkett and Bro. Allen Reed were appointed Asso. Deacons.



## MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. R. T. Coleman-----Perdido, Ala.  
 Rev. W. G. Palmer-----Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.  
 Rev. E. E. Brooks-----Rt. 1, Box 231, Brewton, Ala.  
 Rev. C. M. Byrd-----Perdido, Ala.  
 Rev. N. W. Carden-----Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala.  
 Rev. J. W. Arnette--Rt. 2, Frisco City, Ala.  
 Rev. Floyd Coleman-----  
 Rev. Lee Roy Biggs-----  
 Rev. Frank Lord-----

## PREACHING COMMITTEE AND REPORT

Sis. Ruth Brown, Sis. Gwen Stewart, Sis. Thelma Odom.

We report that Rev. Eugene Sanford is to preach Fri. night. Rev. John Reed, Sat. at 11:00, Rev. Floyd Coleman Sat. night and Rev. Eugene Sanford Sunday at 11:00.

## CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

FRIENDSHIP-Bro. Maxie Bass, Sis. Lucille Bass, Sis. Ruth Carden, Sis. Bobbie Carden.

SEMI-RAH SPRINGS-Sis. Eloise Murphy, Sis. Cora Lee Murphy, Sis. Ruth Brown, Sis. Isabelle Woods

CANALAN-Sis. Ella Nall, Sis. Eunice Bell, Sis. Thelma Odom.

UNION GROVE-Sis. Mamie L. Palmer, Sis. Bessie Reed, Bro. Bill Baggett.

PINE FOREST-Bro. W. S. Seales, Bro. Lee Roy Biggs.

PINE GROVE-Sis. Willie Byrd, Sis. Melba Crnarich, Sis. Gwen Stewart, Sis. Bessie Turner.

RANGE-Sis. Carlie Reeves, Sis. Sena Hall.

## CALL FOR CHURCH LETTERS

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| PINE GROVE-----       | \$15.00 |
| UNION GROVE-----      | 15.00   |
| CANALAN-----          | 15.00   |
| RANGE-----            | 15.00   |
| PINE FOREST-----      | 15.00   |
| SEMI-RAH SPRINGS----- | 15.00   |
| FRIENDSHIP-----       | 15.00   |

The Church letters were read and approved and all committees were appointed.

Rev. N. W. Carden brought the 11:00 message. The meeting was adjourned for lunch until 1:00.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

### CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1960

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Amt. brought forward from 1959 ----- | \$211.67     |
| Amt. received with letters -----     | 105.00       |
| One Treatise sold-----               | .35          |
|                                      | <hr/> 317.02 |

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Clerks Pay -----                      | 20.00    |
| Moderator's Pay-----                  | 15.00    |
| State Asso. Fee -----                 | 14.00    |
| Superannuation -----                  | 20.00    |
| Pepper, Flavor, Duplicator Machine -- | 120.00   |
| Paper, supplies -----                 | 17.00    |
| Express on Duplicator Machine -----   | 12.21    |
| Total Paid out -----                  | \$218.21 |
| Balance left -----                    | 98.81    |

The Liberty No. 1 Association assembled back for business singing "He Prayed", "He Set Me Free", "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love", "When The Saints Go Marching In."

## MINISTERS REPORT

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. preached 82; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 2; Professions witnessed, 9; No. baptized, 8; Additions to Church, 8; Churches organized, None; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, unknown; Money rec. \$857.50.

Signed: E. E. Brooks

I beg to report my year's work as follows: No. Sermons preached, 70; Churches pastored, 2; Revivals held, 1; Professions witnessed, 1; No. Baptized, 7; Additions to Church, 8; Churches organized, None; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, unknown; Money rec. \$150.00; Couples married, 1.

Signed: C. M. Byrd



I beg to report my year's work as follows:  
No. sermons preached; 86; churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 3; Professions witnessed, 1; No. baptized, 2; Additions to church, 6; Churches organized, none; Funerals preached, 2; Miles traveled, unknown; Money rec. \$666.55

Signed: WM.G. Palmer

I beg to report my year's work as follow:  
No. sermons preached, 35; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals held, 1; Professions witnessed, 3; No. baptized, 1; Additions to Church, 3; Churches organized, None; Funeral Preached, None; Miles traveled, 425; Money rec. \$40.00

Signed: J.W. Arnette

I beg to report my year's work as follows:  
No. Sermons preached, 106; Churches pastored, 2; Revivals held, 1; Professions witnessed, 8; No. Baptized, 2; Additions to Church, 7; Churches organized, None; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, unknown; Money rec. \$561.00

Signed: N.W. Carden

I beg to report my year's work as follows:  
No. Sermons preached, 12; Churches pastored, 0; Revivals held, 0; Professions witnessed, 1; No. baptized, 0; Additions to church, 0; Churches organized, 0; Funerals preached, 0; Miles traveled, 0; Money rec. \$0.00

Signed: John Reed

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting was opened by singing, "Try Jesus", "Help Me Oh Lord To Stand". Prayer was prayed by Bro. John Reed and Devotional was given by Bro. N.W. Carden. A portion of the 13th chapter of Gen. was read.

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us, and the body was declared ready for business.

There was a call for New Churches and there were none.

The First U.F.W. Baptist Church of Pascagoula, Miss. ask for a withdrawel from the Liberty No. 1 Asso. and it was granted.

Bro. John Reed was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.

Bro. Jack Benifield was ordained as a Deacon.

#### COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES:

We, your committee on obituaries find 6 deaths in our Asso. this year. Sis. Ila Smith age 49 of Canaan. Bro. Henry Deese, age 37, Sis. Lula Percy, age unknown, Sis. Woods, age 66, Bro. Leonard Murphy, age 58, of Semirah Springs. Bro. Cain, age unknown, of Range. These are gone, but not forgotten and we trust to meet them in Heaven.

Sis. Katie Carden, Chair.

#### COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION:

We, your committee on Home Mission find 2 churches paid on home mission. Union Grove, \$15.00 and Semirah Springs \$13.00. We urge all the other churches of the Asso. to pay more for this cause.

Sis. Cora Lee Murphy, Chair.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

We, your committee on finance find \$317.00 in treasury, which is correct.

Sis. Eunice Bell, Chair.

#### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL:

We, your committee on Sabbath School find 188 members in 5 churches. We are proud of this number as we feel that a good Sunday School is a blessing to any church.

Bro. Bill Baggett, Chair.

#### COMMITTEE ON STANDING OF MINISTRY:

We, your committee on Standing of Ministry find 13 Ministers. 6 of these have a report. A good number of sermons were preached and 36 new members. We are proud of our Ministers



and the work they are doing.

Sis. Thelma Odom, Chair.

#### COMMITTEE ON F.W.B.L.

We, your committee on F.W.B.L. find 4 churches without a league. We find 3 churches with a league. We urge each to organize a league where it is possible.

Sis. Carlie Reeves, Chairman

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION:

We, your committee on Foreign Mission find 2 churches contributed to Foreign Mission, Union Grove \$69.59 and Semirah Springs \$17.24 making a total of \$86.83. In 1961, we would like to see all churches contribute a small amount so we can go 100%.

Sis. Willie Byrd, Chair.

#### COMMITTEE ON W.N.A.C.:

We, your committee on W.N.A.C. find 3 churches with one. Union Grove, Pine Grove and Semirah Springs. We are proud of what these groups are doing.

Bro. Allen Reed, Chair.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S HOME:

We, your committee on Children's Home find \$413.20 paid in this year. We pray all churches will strive to do more next year.

Bro. C. M. Byrd, Chair.

Reports received and committees dismissed. Rev. John Reed brought the Saturday morning message. Adjourned for lunch until 1:00.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

##### COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS:

1. The next association will be held at Canaan Church, Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala. on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 9:30 A.M.

2. The 5th Sunday Business Meeting will be held at Range Church, Range, Ala. on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1961, at 9:30.

3. Suggest that we make our church letter and Statistical report to compare.

4. Suggest that the following be made into a book to always have at each church for reference:

1. Order of conference,
2. Articles of Faith,
3. Church Covenant,
4. Rules-Article 1 & 2.

5. Suggest that we purchase a mimeograph (Duplicator) machine for printing of minutes and other duplications that may improve our churches, Association, 5th Sunday Business Meeting, Sunday School convention and etc.

6. Suggest that we appoint a Program committee.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. It was voted on and passed to order 60 boxes of black pepper and 60 bottles of flavor to sell for the purchase of a Duplicator.

2. The Program Committee appointed were:

Bro. Ivan Stewart, Bro. C. M. Byrd

Sis. Gwen Stewart, Sis. Melba Crnarich

3. The delegates to the State Association were the following:

Sis. Mamie L. Palmer, Sis. Lois Cardwell

Sis. Hazel Cardwell, Sis. Melba Crnarich

Bro. Ivan Stewart, Sis. Gwen Stewart

4. The 5th Sunday Fellowship meetings are as follows:

1st. at Pine Grove Church in Jan. 1961.

2nd. at Friendship Church, April 1961.

3rd. at Pine Forest Church, Oct. 1961.

4th. at Union Grove Church, Dec. 1961.

#### MINISTERS HONOR ROLL

S. A. RIDGEWAY

We took a love offering of \$21.69 for the Children's Home in Eldredge, Ala.

The Liberty No. 1 Association donated \$20.00 for Superannuation.

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

Jesse J. Odom, Clerk & Treas.  
940 A East Elmore Circle  
Chickasaw, Alabama



# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT \*\*\*\*\*

Bro. Ivan Stewart was elected to serve as Supt. of the Sunday School Convention and Sis. Gwen Stewart was elected to serve as Secretary and Treasurer.

| CHURCHES<br>*****    | PERCENT<br>***** |
|----------------------|------------------|
| CANLON-----          | 48%              |
| RANGE-----           | 62%              |
| UNION GROVE-----     | 62%              |
| PINE GROVE-----      | 80%              |
| SEMIRAH SPRINGS----- | 80½%             |

The next Sunday School Convention will be held with Semirah Springs Church the 1st Sunday in May of 1961, as they received the banner by having the highest percentage for 1959-1960.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1.As to God-One God and Father of all. Eph. 4:6.

2.As to Scriptures-All Scriptures 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 faint not."Gal.6:9."Be thou faithful until 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." Acts8:27. "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 an the Vine ye are the branches."John 15:5. "That they may be one as we are".John 17:11-12. "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 5:2: "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 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." 1st. 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 town 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 Asso. 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 members 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 deed 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 Asso. 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 1960 OF THE LIBERTY NO.1 ASSO.

| CHURCH          | PASTOR        | CLERK & ADDRESS                               | MEMBERS | HOME MISSION | ORPHAN* AGE | BUILD. | FOREIGN MISSION |
|-----------------|---------------|---|---------|--------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|
| Friendship      | Floyd Coleman | Lucille Bass<br>Rt.1, Flomaton, Ala.          | 29      |              |             | 20.42  |                 |
| Canaan          | N.W. Carden   | Ella Nall<br>Rt.4, Brewton, Ala.              | 122     |              | 43.20       | 575.33 |                 |
| Union Grove     | W.G. Palmer   | Esther Gray, Rt.1<br>Castleberry, Ala.        | 83      | 15.00        | 110.00      | 761.18 | 69.59           |
| Pine Forest     | J. W. Arnette | Frances Barnes, 2404<br>Hermon St. Pensacola, | 12      |              |             |        |                 |
| Range           |               | R.L. Jerking, Rt.1<br>Box 129A, Repton, Ala.  | 54      |              | 45.00       |        |                 |
| Pine Grove      | C. M. Byrd    | Sallie Chafin<br>Perdido, Ala.                | 70      |              | 25.00       | 590.00 |                 |
| Semirah Springs | E.E. Brooks   | Isabelle Woods, Rt.1<br>Uriah, Ala.           | 100     | 13.00        | 190.00      | 162.89 | 17.24           |