



**MINUTES OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION OF
THE LIBERTY No 1
ASSOCIATION OF FREE
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RT. 4, Brewton, Ala.
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OFFICERS

W.G. Palmer.....Moderator
N.W. Carden.....Asst. Moderator
Jesse J. Odom.....Clerk & Treas.
Ivan Stewart.....Asst. Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HERBERT CARDWELL..ALLEN REED..R.L.JERKINS
IVAN STEWART..RALPH BEASLEY

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

The next Association will be held with
Semirah Springs Church, Uriah, Ala. on Fri.
before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1962, 9:30a.m.

The Annual Business meeting will be held
with Pine Grove Church, Perdido, Ala. on Sat.
before the 5th Sunday in July 1962, 9:30a.m.

The next Sunday School Convention will be
held with Union Grove Church, Castleberry,
Ala. the 1st Sunday in May 1962.

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 with song service led by Bro. Elmer Gray.

Rev. N.W. Carden gave the welcome address. Devotional by Rev. C. M. Byrd. All stood together and sang Amazing Grace. A portion of the 12th Chapter of Romans and the 1st. Chapter of 1st Cor. was read. At the close of scripture, Bro. Byrd led in prayer.

The visiting brethren were invited to seat with us. They were Rev. Chester O'Donnell from Liberty #2 Association and Bro. Ed Hollev from the West Florida Association.

We took the right hand of Christian fellowship.

The body was declared ready for business. An invitation was given for members. There were no members.

Bro. Ralph Beasley and Bro. Marvin Lisenby were appointed Association Deacons.

Brother Glen Cardwell and Brother Otis Johnson were appointed reading clerks.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. W. G. Palmer..... Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.
Rev. S. A. Ridgeway..... Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala.
Rev. C. M. Byrd..... Perdido, Ala.
Rev. J. W. Arnette..... Rt. 2, Frisco City, Ala.
Rev. N. W. Carden..... Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala.
Rev. F. E. Brooks..... Rt. 1, Box 175B, Flomaton,
Rev. I. L. Tolbert..... Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala. Ala.

PREACHING COMMITTEE AND REPORT

Bro. Ivan Stewart.. Bro. Ralph Beasley..
Bro. M. M. Burkett

We report that Rev. Chester O'Donnell will preach Friday night, Rev. N. W. Carden Saturday at 11:00 o'clock and Rev. C. M. Byrd was in charge of communion service Saturday night.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

CANAAN.. Sis. Ella Nall, Sis. Ruth Crutchfield.
Bro. Miles Crutchfield.

PINE FOREST.. Rev. J. W. Arnette, Bro. Parson.

FRIENDSHIP.. Sis. Ruth Carden, Sis. Katie
Carden, Sis. Hattie Mae Lord.

RANGE.. Sis. Sena Hall, Sis. R. L. Jerkins

PINE GROVE.. Sis. Sallie Chafin, Sis. Maggie
Milstid, Sis. Smithy Coleman

UNION GROVE.. Bro. Bill Baggett, Sis. Bessie
Reed, Sis. Morencia Palmer

SEMIRAH SPRINGS.. Sis. Cora Lee Murphy, Sis.
Isabell Woods, Sis. Ruth
Brown

CALL FOR CHURCH LETTERS

PINE GROVE.....	\$15.00.
UNION GROVE.....	15.00.
CANAAN.....	15.00.
RANGE.....	15.00.
PINE FOREST.....	15.00.
SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....	15.00.
FRIENDSHIP.....	15.00.

Call for new Churches, there were none.

All Church letters were read and approved.
All committees were appointed.

Rev. E. E. Brooks brought the 11:00 o'clock message.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and met back at 1:00 o'clock for business.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Liberty No. 1 Association assembled back for business. Bro. Elmer Gray led the song service.

MINISTERS REPORT

I beg to report my year's work as follows
No. sermons preached 38; Churches pastored 1
Revivals held 1; Professions witnessed 2;
No. baptized 1; Additions to church 2; Miles
traveled 450; Money received \$77.80.

Signed: J. W. Arnette

I beg to report my year's work as follows:
No. sermons preached 20; Professions
witnessed 2.

Signed: John Reed

I beg to report my Year's work as follows:
Sermons preached 7; Revivals held, Helped in
one; Money rec. \$7.00; Couples married 4.

Signed: I. L. Tolbert

I beg to report my year's work as follows:
Sermons preached 54; Churches pastored 1;
No. baptized 3; Additions to Church 9;
Couples married 2; Money rec. \$200.00.

Signed: C. M. Byrd

I beg to report my year's work as follows:
Sermons preached 80; Churches pastored 2;
Revivals held 3; Professions witnessed 8;
No. baptized 1; Additions to church 8;
Funerals preached 1; Money rec. \$400.24.

Signed: E. E. Brooks

I beg to report my year's work as follows:
Sermons preached 104; Churches pastored 1;
Revivals held 1; No. baptized 5; Additions to
church 1; Funerals preached 1; Couples
married 2; Money rec. \$545.05.

Signed: N. W. Carden

I beg to report my year's work as follows:
Sermons preached 129; Churches pastored 2;
Revivals held 2; Professions witnessed 2;
No. Baptized 5; Additions to Church 8; Money
received \$818.00.

Signed: W. G. Palmer

All reports were read and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at this time
until Saturday Morning.

Clerk's Report for 1961

Amt. brought forward from 1960...	\$ 86.10
Amt. rec. with church letters....	105.00
Total....	191.10

Clerks pay.....	20.00
Moderators pay.....	15.00
State Asso. fee.....	14.00
Supplies.....	38.82
(Trimmer, Stable gun, etc.)	
Total paid out...	87.82

Balance left..... 103.28

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting was opened by singing a number of songs led by Sister Sallie Chafin. Prayer by Bro. Jesse J. Odom.

We had good special singing by the Perdido group.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION:

We, your committee on Home Mission find only three churches sending money to our Home Mission board. A total of \$51.00. We the Semirah Springs church have found that our W.N.A.C. literature has enlightened us on Home and Foreign Mission. We would like to urge each church to become more concerned about this worthy cause.

Sis. Yvonne Johnson, Chr.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

We, your committee on finance find \$86.10 in treasury with an addition of \$105.00 which came in with church letters making a total of \$191.10 in treasury.

Bro. Herbert Cardwell, Chr.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL:

We, your committee on Sabbath School are glad to report 7 Sabbath Schools in 7 Churches with a total membership of 235 pupils and teachers. We are thankful for the progress being made in this work.

Bro. C.B. Baggett, Chr.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING OF MINISTRY:

We, your committee on Standing of Ministry find 10 Ministers in our Association, 8 of these have a report and 2 gave no report. We find we have 36 new members this year and a good Number of Sermons preached. We are proud of the work done this year and urge them too do more next year if possible.

Bro. N.W. Carden, CHR,

COMMITTEE ON F.W.B.L.

We, your committee on F.W.B.L. find 3 churches with a league. We would like to see each church have a league if possible.

Bro. Allen Reed, Chr.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION:

We, your committee on Foreign Mission find only 2 churches contributed to this great cause. Union Grove \$58.08 and Semirah Springs \$23.00. We would like to encourage all churches to contribute to this cause of Christ.

Sis. Ruth Brown, Chr.

COMMITTEE ON W.N.A.C.:

We, your committee on W.N.A.C. find 3 churches with one and we are proud of them. The 3 are Union Grove, Pine Grove and Semirah Springs. We would like for the other churches to organize one if possible.

Sis. Sena Hall, Chair.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S HOME:

We, your committee on Children's Home find \$405.92 paid to the Home for the past year. We urge each church to try to contribute more to the Home in the coming year.

Sis. Bobbie Carden, Ch

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES:

We, your committee on obituaries find 7 deaths in our Association this year. Sis. Mary Hammac, age 70 and Bro. Ernest Smith, age 59 of Canaan. Bro. W.M. Hasford and Sis. Ollie Hill of Semirah Springs. Bro. G.C. Martin of Range. Sis. Lucy Carden, age 84 and Sis. Minnie Pool of Friendship. It is sad to part with those we loved so well, but we trust to meet them again in the great beyond.

Sis. Sallie Chafin, Chr.

COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION:

We, your committee on Superannuation find one church paid \$10.00. We beg each church on Fathers' Day to take up an offering and send in for our old age Ministers and their Widows. Send to Mrs. W.H. Ryland

901 Ridge Road

Birmingham, Ala.

Sis. Morencia Palmer, Chr.

COMMITTEE ON MASTER'S MEN:

We, your committee on Master's Men find 3 churches with one and a total of 26 members. We would like for each church to organize one.

Bro. Bill Baggett, Chr.

Reprots. were received and committees were dismissed.

A move was made that a record be made and placed in permanent minute for clerk to use money to buy necessary materials.

An offering was taken up for the Free-will Baptist Childrens Home of \$43.25.

Rev. N.W. Carden brought the 11:00 message.

Adjourned for lunch until 1:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Miles Crutchfield led the song service as the group assembled back for business.

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS:

1. Suggest that each church send only 3 elected delegates to the Association to represent their church.
2. A suggestion was made to change the name of the business 5th Sunday meeting to Annual Business Meeting.
3. Suggest that each church outline their own program and send to clerk for memographing.
4. Suggest we have a league rally once a year.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. The next Association will be held with Semirah Springs Church on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1962 at 9:30 o'clock.
2. The next Annual Business Meeting will be held with Pine Grove Church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July 1962-9:30AM.
3. The delegates to the State Association are Sisters Gwen Stewart, Mamie Lou Palmer, Hazel Cardwell and Morencia Palmer.

The 5th Sunday Fellowship meetings are as follows:

- 1st. at Friendship Church, in April-1962.
- 2nd. at Union Grove Church in Sept. 1962.
- 3rd. at Range Church in Dec. 1962.

MINISTERS HONOR ROLL

Rev. S. A. Ridgeway.

Having finished all business, we took the parting hand and met back Sat. night for communion service. There were 45 to take part in the service.

Jesse J. Odom
P.O. Box 676
Atmore, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

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

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Canaan -----	70.5%
Friendship -----	73.0%
Pine Grove -----	76.0%
Semirah Springs-----	83.5%
Union Grove -----	88.3%

All Sunday Schools were visited and found all Churches with Sunday School except Pine Forest and they are planning on starting a Sunday School. All Sunday Schools in good standing.

The next Sunday School Convention will be held with Union Grove Church the 1st Sunday in May 1962 as they receive the banner by having the highest percentage for 1960-1961.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to God-One God and Father of all.
Eph. 4:6
2. As to Scriptures-All Scriptures in 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 we 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 must." 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 17:11-12. "There is one body and one

spirit, even as ye are called in of 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 Judgement, Reward and Punishment.
"For we shall all stand before the Judg-
ment 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."
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 reg-
ular 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
of deacon shall upon recommendation of his
church appear before this council for ordina-
tion.

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 con-
ference 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 transaction 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, and shall hold office at the will of the church, shall hold all money paid into the church for general exp. and pay out the same only on an order from the church, in conf. and shall turn over all money, 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 rec. 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 Sun. School of 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.

It was voted on and passed at the Sunday School Convention that each Church pay the S.S. Supt. 10¢ per mile traveling expense to their church.

TIME OF MEETING AT EACH CHURCH, 1962

CHURCH	SUNDAY
CANAAN.....	EACH SUNDAY & Sunday night
RANGE.....	2nd. Sat. night & 3rd. Sunday
SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....	1st. & 3rd. Sun. & Sunday night
UNION GROVE.....	Each Sunday & Sunday night
PINE GROVE.....	Each Sunday
PINE FOREST.....	1st. & 3rd. Sun.
FRIENDSHIP.....	2nd. & 4th. Sun.

PASTORS FOR 1962

CANAAN.....	N. W. CARDEN
PINE FOREST.....	J. W. ARNETTE
RANGE.....	W. G. PALMER
UNION GROVE.....	W. G. PALMER
SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....	E. E. BROOKS
FRIENDSHIP.....	FLOYD COLEMAN
PINE GROVE.....	C. M. BYRD

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1961 OF THE LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	MEMBERS	HOME MISSION	ORPHAN- AGE	BUILD- ING	FOREIGN MISSION
FRIENDSHIP	Floyd Coleman	Lucille Bass Rt.1, Flomaton, Ala.	31		35.00	152.90	
CANAAN	N.W.CARDEN	Ella Nail Rt.4, Brewton, Ala.	119		47.92	314.30	
UNION GROVE	W.G.PALMER	Esther Gray, Rt.1, Castleberry, Ala.	79	12.50	120.00	1548.97	58.08
PINE FOREST	J.W. ARNETTE	Bertie Barnes, Rt.2, Cantonement, Fla.	17			213.80	
RANGE	W.G.PALMER	R.L.Jerkins, Rt. 1, Box 129A, Repton, Ala.	54		40.00	?	
PINE GROVE	C.M.BYRD	Sallie Chafin Perdido, Ala.	78	16.50	53.00	11935.68	
SEMIRAH SPRINGS	E.E.BROOKS	Cora Lee Murphy, Rt.1, BOX 156, Uriah, Ala.	109	22.00	110.00	209.98	23.00