

81st Session

of

Liberty No. 1 Association

of

Free Will Baptists

1970





FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

- M I N U T E S -
Of The
Eighty-First Annual Association
Of The
LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Held With
PINE GROVE CHURCH
Perdido, Ala.
October 9 and 10, 1970

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st.....Friendship.....January 9, 1971
2nd.....Canaan.....April 10, 1971
3rd.....Semirah Springs.....July 10, 1971

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Appleton.....May 1, 1971

CTS RALLY

Appleton.....Aug. 6, 1971

NEXT ASSOCIATION

Union Grove.....October 8, & 9, 1971

DEACONS & MINISTERS MEETINGS

1st.....Canaan.....January 1, 1971
2nd.....First Church.....April 2, 1971
3rd.....Friendship.....July 2, 1971
4th.....Pine Grove.....Oct. 1, 1971

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YEAR

Clyde Harris.....P.O.Box 582, Brewton, Ala. 36426-1971
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 Dempsey Cain.....Rt. 5, Brewton, Ala. 36426-1973
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YEAR

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 Rev. C. M. Byrd.....Rt. 1, Perdido, Ala. 36562-1974
 Rev. J. T. Long..Rt.1, Box 23, McDavid, Fla. 32568-1975

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

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

- HONOR ROLL -

Rev. J. W. Arnette
 Rev. I. L. Tolbert
 Rev. E. E. Brooks

* * *REGISTRATION * * *

MINISTERS

Rev. A. H. Ashcraft....P.O.Box 45, Perdido, Ala. 36562
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 Rev. E. E. Brooks.....Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala. 36441
 Rev. C. M. Byrd.....Rt. 1, Perdido, Ala. 36562
 Rev. N. W. Carden.....Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala. 36441
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 Rev. J. T. Long.....Rt. 1, Box 23, McDavid, Fla. 32568
 Rev. Robert Lord.....RFD4, Atmore, Ala. 36502
 Rev. W. G. Palmer..Rt.1, Bx.287 Castleberry, Ala. 36432

LICENSED

Bro. Tony Downey.....Perdido, Ala. 36562

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. O. Z. Byrd.....Faith Chapel, Laurel, Miss.
 Rev. Robert Owen.....Shiloh FWB Church, Bratt, Fla.
 Rev. Kenneth Walker.....Missionary to Mobile

OTHER OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS

Mrs. Kenneth Walker & SonFWB Mission to Mobile
 Huey Lacey.....East Ala. Assoc., Opelika, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Cook & Family.....Mobile, Ala.
 Otis Johnson.....Pascagoula, Miss.
 O. L. Walters & Enoch Walters.....Saraland, Ala.
 Dorothy Watts & Arlene Sims.....Bay Minette, Ala.
 Kathy Williamson, Joyce Bryars, Annie Boone and Ora
 Mae Williamson from Little River Holiness Church.....
 Mr. & Mrs. Grady Long, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Grady
 Long, Jr., ...Perdido Southern Baptist Church.....

DEACONS

APPLETON: Mason D. Casey and Dempsey Cain.
 CANAAN: Marvin Lisenby, Leland Nall, Jesse J. Odom
 and Cleveland Roberson.

FIRST CHURCH: James Bolton.

FRIENDSHIP: Clyde Harris and Grady Collins.

PINE GROVE: Ivan Stewart, Bradley White, Tony
 Downey and B. T. Turner.

RANGE: (None Present)

SEMIRAH SPRINGS: Ted Fretwell.

UNION GROVE: E. J. Gray

There were 153 to register during the two-days

CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE

Rev. W. G. Palmer..Rt.1, Bx.287 Castleberry, Ala. 36432

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

APPLETON: Howard Henry, George Wilson, Willie Wilson
 CANAAN: Ella Nall, Lannie Long, Ruth Crutchfield
 FIRST CHURCH: Tiny Bolton, Essie Coleman, Velma
 Wearren.
 FRIENDSHIP: Eunice Jordon, Hattie Mae Lord and Mary
 Smith.
 PINE GROVE: Melba Crnarich, Elaine Downey and Sandra
 White.
 RANGE: Fred Crutchfield, Lula Crutchfield, Minnie
 Lee.
 SEMIRAH SPRINGS: Isabell Woods, Maiselle Woods and
 Ruth Brown.
 UNION GROVE: Esther Gray, Gary Benefield and Charlene
 Benefield.

***** PROCEEDINGS *****

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1970

The Eighty-First Session of the Liberty No. 1
 Association of Free Will Baptists opened with con-
 gregational singing, directed by Bro. Ivan Stewart
 with Mrs. Stewart at the Piano and son, Kent Stewart
 at the organ. . .

Rev. O. Z. Byrd led in prayer.

The Morning devotion was given by Rev. E. E.
 Brooks from Hebrews 13:1 and Ephesians 5:1-2 on "Let
 Brotherly Love Continue".

Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, host pastor, gave the wel-
 come address, followed by Bro. Howard Henry giving
 the response.

The moderator, Rev. N. W. Carden, gave his
 message.

Visiting brethern were recognized and invited to
 seat with us.

Church letters, with their finance, and Ministers'
 reports were turned in to the clerk.

| CHURCH | FINANCE |
|-------------------------|----------|
| 1. Appleton..... | \$23.00 |
| 2. Canaan..... | 23.00 |
| 3. First Church..... | 23.00 |
| 4. Friendship..... | 23.00 |
| 5. Pine Grove..... | 23.00 |
| 6. Range..... | 23.00 |
| 7. Semirah Springs..... | 23.00 |
| 8. Union Grove..... | 23.00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$184.00 |

Associational deacons, Ivan Stewart and Bradley
 White were appointed.

Reading clerks were Ivan Stewart and Ted Fretwell.

Committees were announced.

Partial church letters were read and adopted.

Everyone joined in taking "The Right Hand of
 Christian Fellowship" while singing "Leaning On The
 Everlasting Arm".

WORSHIP HOUR

The 11 o'clock service opened with Bro. Grady
 Collins directing the singing. Prayer by Rev. A. H.
 Ashcraft.

A special song, "Jesue Use Me", was sung by Mr.
 and Mrs. Ivan Stewart.

Rev. W. G. Palmer brought the keynote message
 based on the theme. His text was the "Second Coming
 of Christ". Scripture text used were 2 Peter 3:1-3,
 John 14:3, Acts 1:8, Matthre 25:31, 1 Thess. 4:15-18,
 Matthre 24:29-31 and Rev. 22:12.

Rev. Robert Owen dismissed for lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 9, 1970

Assembled back at 1 O'clock with Bro. Grady
 Collins directing the singing.

A special "Must I Go Empty Handed", was sung by
 Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart. Prayer by Bro. Otis
 Johnson.

The Afternoon Devotion was given by Rev. Floyd Coleman from Leviticus 8:22-24.

The moderator opened the business session.

The body adopted the program flexible. Delegates were seated. Recognized the visitors and corresponding delegates.

The balance of the church letters were read and adopted.

Ministers' Cards were read and adopted.

Part of the Clerk's Report was given and accepted as information.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Re-elected Bro. Ivan Stewart to serve on the Executive Committee.
2. Elected Rev. J. T. Long to serve on the Ordaining Council.
3. Elected Rev. W. G. Palmer to serve as Trustee to the Children's Home.

The meeting was adjourned and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ted Fretwell.

Supper was served from 5 - 6 by the ladies of the host church.

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 9, 1970

Song Service started at 7 p. m. with Bro. Jesse Odom directing.

The Devotion was given by Rev. Robert Lord from 1 Thess. 5:1-4.

Special singing was by Kent Stewart and Steve Dean; Mr. and Mrs. Bradley White and the Perdido Quartet.

The Evening Message was brought by Rev. J. T. Long using the text, "The Word Is Preached". Scripture text was from Matthew 17:1-5.

The service was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dempsey Cain.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1970

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock with congregational singing directed by Bro. James Bolton with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano and Kent Stewart at the organ.

Rev. C. M. Byrd gave the devotion from Malachi 3:1-3, Acts 1:6, "The Greatest Climax of All", - "The Second Coming of Christ".

The moderator opened the business session:

Committees' Reports were read by the reading clerks and approved. (See Reports)

FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. Out of the 10% money, which the churches will tithe, 52% will remain in Liberty No. 1 Home Mission and 48% will be sent to outside causes as follows:

1. Children's Home.....12%
2. Retirement & Ins.....7%
3. Bible College.....8%
4. State Home Mission....11%
5. Foreign Mission.....5%
6. National Home Mission..5%

to help carry on the different phases of work in Free Will Baptists.

.....Ordaining Council

WORSHIP HOUR

The 11 O'clock service opened with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing the singing.

Prayer was by Rev. N. W. Carden. The ushers received the morning offering, amount of \$44.44.

Special singing was by the Semirah Springs Group; Kent Stewart and Steve Dean and the Perdido Quartet.

Rev. Robert Owen, pastor of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Fla., brought the Morning Message based on the theme, "He (Christ) Is Coming Again". Scripture text used were 2 Peter 3:10-14, Acts 1:6-8 and Ephesians 5:16.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Kenneth Walker.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10, 1970

Assembled back at 1:30 with Bro. Ted Fretwell directing the song service.

Devotional by Rev. C. B. Baggett, based on Luke 19:10-13. Prayer by speaker.

A brief talk concerning the work in Mobile was given by Rev. Kenneth Walker, Missionary to Mobile. He used scripture from the Book of Acts 17:31.

The Moderator then opened the final business session.

Balance of the Committees' Reports were given and approved. The clerk's report was given and accepted.

Bro. Ivan Stewart, chairman of the Executive Committee, gave the Executive Committee Report (See report - Standing of Ministry).

Ordaining Council recommended that Bro. Tony Downey be granted a license to Preach The Gospel. Said license to be good for one year.

Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Report was given by Rev. C. M. Byrd, approved by body. (See page 9)

Bro. Edward Smith, Supt. of S. S., gave the Sunday School Report, which was approved, see page 13.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Next Association go to Union Grove Church.
2. Quarterly Meetings (See Page 1)
3. Elections of New Officers. (See Page 2)
4. Delegates to State Association: Agnes Ashcraft, Howard Henry, Carolyn Henry, Mrs. J. T. Long, Miss Mamie Lou Palmer, Mrs. W. G. Palmer and Gwen Stewart.

An appreciation to the Host Church was given at end of business. Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Brooks.

-*- R E P O R T S -*-

STATE AND HOME MISSION...We find \$321.15 paid to State and \$572.44 paid to Other Home Mission, making at total of \$893.59.

PINE GROVE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION..... | |
| Balance in Treasury 10/11/69..... | \$1189.49 |
| Plue Deposits..(3.quarters)..... | \$289.96 |
| Plus Interest..... | 32.35 |
| Old Typewriter sold..... | 50.00 |
| 10% Money (4th Quarter)..... | 397.48 |
| Total Deposits..... | \$769.79 769.79 |
| Total..... | \$1959.28 |
| Minus expenses to Homer Willis.. | 80.00 80.00 |
| Balance in Treasury 10/31/70..... | \$1879.28 |

REV. C. M. BYRD

FOREIGN MISSION....We find 7 churches giving a total of \$217.29.

FIRST CHURCH

RETIREMENT & INSURANCE...\$413.58 paid in during this year.

SEMIRAH SPRINGS

CHILDREN'S HOME....Find \$636.55 paid this year.

FRIENDSHIP

BIBLE COLLEGE...Find 7 churches paid \$234.22

APPLETON

WNAC....6 churches have a Lady's Auxiliary, a membership of 71.

RUTH BROWN

MASTER'S MEN....Find 4 churches with 44 members.

HOWARD HENRY

STANDING OF MINISTRY....We, the Executive Committee have examined the Ministers' Cards and found them to be in order. We suggest the following to receive new cards: A. H. Ashcraft, C. B. Baggett, C. M. Byrd, N. W. Carden, H. F. Coleman, J. T. Long, R. Lord and W. G. Palmer. Also the Honor Roll Ministers, E. E. Brooks, I. L. Tolbert and J. W. Arnette.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FINANCE....See Treasurer Report, Page 26.

YOUTH RALLY...We are glad to report that four Youth Rallies were held this past year at the following churches: Pine Grove, Union Grove, Appleton and Canaan. We feel that the young people, who are taking part have enjoyed the rallies and trust the association is pleased with the programs we have brought. We pray for 100% participation. We request your prayers.

MRS. C. B. BAGGETT

ADVANCEMENT....Report on Youth Camp. Motion that the association support the youth camp 100% this year.

Advancement Committee
Rev. C. M. Byrd
Rev. W. G. Palmer
Ivan Stewart

DEACONS & MINISTERS MEETING...The Ministers and Deacons Conference met at the following churches: Range, Jan. 1, 1970; Semirah Springs, April 3, 1970; Union Grove, July 3, 1970 and Appleton, Oct. 1, 1970. We have had an increase of attendance during the year. We feel that we have been able to do some things that have been of benefit to the association. Several suggestions having been made by this conference have been adopted by the body.

REV. C. B. BAGGETT,
Secretary

ORDAINING COUNCIL...We the Ordaining Council recommend the following ordination for office of Deacon:

1. Semirah Springs Church, 4/11/70, 2nd Quarterly Meeting. Deacon transfer approved for Bro. Grady Collins to Friendship Church.

^s We recommend that Bro. Tony Downey be granted a license for 1 year to Peach The Gospel.

REV. W. G. PALMER,
Chairman

OBITUARIES

"In Memory of those who God has to be with Him"

| Name | Age | Church | Position | Date of Death |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| Will Gibson | 79 | Appleton | Member | 11/18/69 |
| Carlie Reeves | 75 | Range | Member | 11/14/69 |
| Mrs. Georgia Grissett | - | Canaan | - | 1/ /70 |
| Idabell Woods | 71 | Semirah Springs | Member | 5/3/70 |
| Georgia Cain | 84 | Appleton | Member | 7/3/70 |
| Ed Hall | 58 | Pine Grove | N/R | 7/3/70 |

All stood in rising of Prayer for the above deceased.

CTS RALLY 1970

The CTS Rally was held at Friendship church on August 7, 1970. Bro Gary Benefield presiding.

The theme was "Love".

Song service was led by Bro. Grady Collins and Rev. N. W. Carden gave the welcome address.

The Host church gave the program on "A Friend In Need".

Kent Stewart of Pine Grove Church and the Hopewell Quartet of Semirah Springs Church presented special music during "Talent Time".

Rev. Pinson of First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., led in prayer to open the business session of the program.

BUSINESS

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2. It was decided that the CTS Rally would rotate according to the alphabet. The rally for 1971 will be held at Appleton Church.

3. Gary Benefield was re-elected as CTS Director. His wife, Bernice, will serve as his secretary.

4. Discussion on the use of the money in the CTS treasury. It was decided that the money would be used in ways to promote CTS.

The offering was received in the amount of \$17.66, making a total of \$55.08.

The meeting was adjourned by prayer by Rev. J. T. Long. Refreshments were served by the Host Church.

Signed...Gary Benefield

CTS.....Find 6 churches with an enrollment of 232.

CANAAN CHURCH.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Liberty No.1 Association Sunday School Committee, composed of Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of each local church and the district Sunday School Superintendent met at the Marlanes Restaurant on Sept. 10, 1970 at 7:30.

The purpose of this meeting was to plan the Annual Sunday School Convention.

Opening scripture was given by Bro. Grady Palmer from Psalms 143, with comments on "Teach and Lead in the Will of The Lord". Prayer was offered by Bro. N. W. Carden.

After a lengthy discussion by all present, Bro. Edward Smith, the district S. S. Supt. ask for a show of hands to approve the following outline for the Convention:

1. Day of Meeting - 1st Saturday in May.
2. Place of Meeting - Appleton FWB Church.
3. Time of Meeting - 10:00 A. M.
4. Program handled by The Youth.
5. Three awards will be presented for the following: (1) Church with highest attendance for the day (2) Church with the best program presented and (3) Church who has gained the most new Sunday School members from Associational Meeting to Convention.

The convention will move in alphabetical order from church to church.

The host church will be responsible for the program outline and the lunch.

The offering taken that day will go into the Sunday School Convention Treasury.

The three awards presented at the Convention will be purchased out of the Sunday School Convention Treasury.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Signed Edward Smith, S. S. Supt.

RULES

Each church pay the Sunday School Supt. 10¢ per mile traveling expense to their church.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1970

| Church | Evangelistic | Bible College | Retirement and Insurance | Travel Expense | Misc. | Youth Camp | Literature | Total Money Taken In |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Appleton | 100.00 | 70.00 | 75.00 | | 401.39 | 16.00 | 459.44 | 9,692.28 |
| Canaan | 100.00 | | 56.00 | | 650.21 | 16.00 | 181.99 | 4,001.11 |
| First Church | | | 36.00 | | 169.54 | 16.00 | 107.81 | 4,562.43 |
| Friendship | 165.00 | | 24.00 | | 1489.56 | 16.00 | 417.00 | 6,640.85 |
| Pine Grove | 125.00 | 30.00 | 36.00 | 70.00 | 662.62 | 16.00 | 167.85 | 4,581.76 |
| Range | 70.00 | 9.00 | 36.00 | 7.00 | 54.00 | 15.61 | 36.61 | 747.14 |
| Semirah Springs | 350.00 | 3.00 | 36.00 | 17.40 | 216.07 | 16.00 | 160.32 | 2,556.65 |
| Union Grove | 100.00 | 61.07 | 61.07 | | 503.57 | 16.00 | 174.19 | 3,618.76 |
| 4th Quarter 10% Money | | 61.15 | 53.51 | | | | | |
| TOTAL: | 1010.00 | 234.22 | 413.58 | 94.40 | 4146.96 | 127.61 | 1705.21 | 36,400.98 |

| CHURCH | Members | 10% Money 4th Qtr. | HOME MISSION | | | | Foreign Mission | Children's Home | Bldg. & Repair |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | | Liberty No. 1 | State | Other | Total | | | |
| Appleton | 79 | 240.37 | 100.18 | 70.00 | 403.68 | 573.86 | 75.00 | 70.00 | 2,298.92 |
| Canaan | 43 | 120.49 | 62.20 | 30.00 | | 92.20 | | 137.75 | 791.84 |
| First Church | 29 | 120.85 | | | | | | 16.00 | 3,138.33 |
| Friendship | 41 | | 40.00 | | 30.00 | 70.00 | | 91.00 | 2,840.98 |
| Pine Grove | 37 | 90.00 | 35.00 | 49.00 | 82.55 | 166.55 | 35.00 | 126.00 | 1,590.02 |
| Range | 24 | 15.67 | 9.00 | 9.00 | | 18.00 | | 33.00 | 113.53 |
| Semirah Springs | 39 | 70.87 | 3.00 | 18.00 | 18.00 | 39.00 | 8.00 | 10.00 | 956.58 |
| Union Grove | 43 | 106.13 | 61.07 | 61.07 | | 122.14 | 61.07 | 61.07 | 837.63 |
| Old T/W Sold Interest | | | 50.00 18.18 | | | 68.18 | | | |
| 4th Quarter 10% Money | | | 397.48 | 84.08 | 38.21 | 519.77 | 38.22 | 91.73 | |
| TOTAL: | 335 | 764.38 | 776.11 | 321.15 | 572.44 | 1669.70 | 217.29 | 636.55 | 12,567.83 |

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to GOD — One God and Father of all. Ephesians 4:6.

2. As to SCRIPTURES — All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2 Timothy 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. Revelation 22:17.

4. As to CONDITION OF SALVATION — "He (Christ) died for all. 2 Cor. 5:15.—"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 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." Revelation 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." Ephesians 2:8.

7. As to FAITH — "Justified by Faith." Romans 5:1. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

8. As to WORKS — "Faith without works is dead." James 2:26. "God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 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 8:38-39. "We are buried with Him by baptism into death." Romans 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." Romans 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 17:21. "There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Ephesians 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 of that bread, and drink of that cup." 1 Cor. 11:28. "Let no man therefore, Judge you." Col. 2:16.

13. As to the RESURRECTION — "For the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves, 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." 1 Cor. 15:52.

14. As to the JUDGEMENT, REWARD AND PUNISHMENT. "For we shall all stand before the Judgement seat of Christ." Romans 14:10. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal." Matthew 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.

16. As to TITHING: — God commended Tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every-one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." 1 Cor. 16:2A.

AS TO THE RULES
ARTICLE NO. 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 3 male members, nor within 6 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 3 trustees.

SECTION 4. The church shall call their pastor at the next conference preceding the last regular conference, the Associational year, unless in case 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 shall be the duty of each church to commune and wash the Saints feet at least each quarter.

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. When a church desires that one of its members should be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel, it requests the Quarterly Meeting or association of which it is a member to examine, by council, such member, and they themselves will grant license.

SECTION 10. The Ordaining Council shall consist of 5 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 this 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 NO. 2

SECTION 1. The PASTOR shall attend his church regularly 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.

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 their 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 expense and pay out the same only on an order from the church in conference and shall turn over all money and papers to their successor.

SECTION 5. The TRUSTEES shall be elected by the church, and shall hold office for 2 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 baptized by emerson by an ordained Minister or Deacon.

SECTION 7. MEMBERS must pay their debts contracted by them, or make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors.

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. The Executive Committee will examine cards. At their approval, ministers will receive a card.

SECTION 10. We suggest the name of this association be changed to "THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION" of Free Will Baptists.

SECTION 11. Suggest that each Sunday School turn a report into Clerk of Sunday School Convention in May and bring a program.

SECTION 12. Suggest that old and disabled Ministers be placed on HONOR ROLL and receive identification cards annually.

SECTION 13. Suggest that each church send only 3 elected delegates to the Association to represent their church.

SECTION 14. The Host Church for any meeting of Liberty No.1 Association to have a program outline and ready to send one to each church clerk 1 to 2 weeks in advance of meeting.

SECTION 15. We recommend all churches in Liberty No.1 Association not to use any man as a Minister of the Gospel or Deacon with more than one living wife.

SECTION 16. Suggest that Liberty No.1 Association not admit any church with any other name than Free Will Baptist. And that no minister belonging to Liberty No.1 Association pastor a church with any other name.

SECTION 17. It is the duty and the solom responsibility of every member to support their church with tithes and offerings.

SECTION 18. It is the duty of the church to support their pastor to such a degree that he may devote himself to full time ministry of GOSPEL.

SECTION 19. The Executive Committee will examine all church letters and upon their approvable, letters will be read and delegates seated. For traveling a 5¢ per mile will be paid.

SECTION 20. (A) The Liberty No. 1 Association Home Mission money can be loaned to churches at 6% interest. The Trustees of that church will have all paper work made up. Rev. C. M. Byrd and board members will have the authority to loan money from proper paper work. (B) The moderator's name and Ivan Stewart's name be added to Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Board, with the clause added that no one person can withdraw Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Funds from the bank.

SECTION 21. The Moderator be paid \$30.00, Clerk paid \$40.00 and assistant Clerk paid \$10.00.

SECTION 22. Each church to encourage their pastor to attend the State Association if possible and pay his expense.

SECTION 23. The Associational offering will go to the host church for associational expense as adopted at the 78th Session, Oct. 7, 1967.

SECTION 24. Executive and Ordaining Council not to meet during session if all possible.

SECTION 25. Each church to bring only the number of residence members to Quarterly Meetings and Association. Non-residence members will be left on roll to be re-enlisted or re-instated when they so desire.

SECTION 26. Each church to tithe 10% of its income to the Association Treasury to be distributed from the Associational Treasury to the different phases of work: Children's Home, 12%; Bible College, 8%; Retirement & Insurance, 7%; Foreign Mission, 5%; Nat'l. Home Mission, 5%; Alabama FWB Mission, 11%; and Liberty No. 1 Association Home Mission, 52%.

MINISTERS' REPORT

| Minister's Name | Churches Pastored | Sermons Preached | Married | Funerals | Baptists Baptized | Revivals | Members Received | Profess. Witnessed | Money Received |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Rev. A. H. Ashcraft | 1 | 100 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | \$1,480.00 |
| Rev. C. B. Baggett | 1 | 160 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1,820.00 |
| Rev. E. E. Brooks | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20.40 |
| Rev. C. M. Byrd | 1 | 35 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 540.00 |
| Rev. N. W. Carden | 1 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 920.00 |
| Rev. H. F. Coleman | 1 | 154 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 6 | 1,220.58 |
| Rev. J. T. Long | 1 | 110 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2,305.00 |
| Rev. Robert Lord | 1 | 118 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 22 | 57 | 402.10 |
| Rev. W. G. Palmer | 1 | 156 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 17 | 17 | 5,050.00 |

- CHURCH COVENANT -

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church of its poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and Evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of Lord Jesus Christ.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS REPORT

1st Meeting was held January 10, 1970 at Canaan Church.

Following suggestions adopted:

1. Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Treasurer to pay all expenses for Bro. Homer Willis' visit to this association on April 3.
2. Pros and Cons were orally discussed on Wallace School.

2nd Meeting was held April 11, 1970 at Semirah Springs Church.

No suggestions at meeting.

3rd Meeting was held July 11, 1970 at Union Grove Church.

Following suggestions adopted:

1. Each church pay the CTS Director 10¢ per mile traveling expense to their church.
2. Decided to drop discussion on Wallace School property.
3. Motion for each church to give 10% of its income to the Associational Treasury to be distributed to different phases of work. To be set up at 81st Session.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury 12/25/69.....\$ 130.23

Plus Deposits

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. 1st Quarterly Meeting, 1/10/70.... | \$ 24.47 |
| 2. 2nd Quarterly Meeting, 4/11/70.... | 23.07 |
| 3. 3rd Quarterly Meeting, 7/11/70.... | 20.15 |
| 4. Sold old Typewriter..... | 50.00 |
| 5. Youth Camp..... | 127.61 |
| 6. Associational Fees..... | 184.00 |
| 7. Associational Offering..... | 44.44 |
| 8. 10% Money from 4th Quarter..... | 764.38 |
| Total Deposits..... | \$1238.12 |
| Grand Total..... | \$1368.35 |

MINUS EXPENSES

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| 1. Liberty No.1 Home Mission..... | \$ 50.00 |
| (Selling of old typewriter) | |
| 2. FWB Youth Camp 7/3/70..... | 125.00 |
| 3. Nat'l Assoc. of FWB | 2.75 |
| (25 certificates of Deacon Ord.) | |
| 4. Supplies | 24.94 |
| (Stencils, ink, filing cabinet files Ink pads, and envelopes) | |
| 5. Officers Fees..... | 80.00 |
| 6. Pine Grove (Host Church)..... | 44.44 |
| 7. FWB Children's Home..... | 91.73 |
| 8. FWB Bible College..... | 61.15 |
| 9. FWB Retirement & Ins..... | 53.51 |
| 10. FWB Foreign Mission..... | 38.22 |
| 11. Ala. FWB Mission..... | 84.08 |
| 12. FWB Nat'l Home Mission..... | 38.21 |
| 13. Liberty No.1 Home Mission..... | 397.48 |
| 14. Winfield FWB Church (Meals)..... | 24.00 |
| 15. Ala. State Assoc. Fees..... | 40.00 |
| 16. Postage Stamps..... | 4.00 |
| 17. Walter's (mimeograph paper)..... | 13.54 |
| Total Expenditures..... | \$1173.05 |

Balance in treasury 11/23/70..... \$ 195.30

Signed Mrs. Ivan L. Stewart
Mrs. Ivan L. Stewart
Clerk

BY-LAWS

1. The Clerk or the Assistant Clerk or in their absence, the senior Minister in years shall call the Association into conference if a quorum is present, the Moderator, shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior Minister in years shall act as Moderator.

2. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with Prayer and shall be closed with Prayer.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

4. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

5. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise to his feet and address Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator" but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

TIME OF MEETING AT EACH CHURCH, 1970

| CHURCH | PASTOR | CLERK | TIME |
|--------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| APPLETON | Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Box 287 Castleberry, Ala. 36432 | Mrs. Ruthel P. Smith Rt. 4, Box 116 Brewton, Ala. 36426 | FULL |
| CANAAN | Rev. J. T. Long Rt. 1, Box 23 McDavid, Fla. 32568 | Mrs. Thelma Odom Rt. 4, Box 231-A Brewton, Ala. 36426 | FULL |
| FIRST CHURCH | Rev. H. F. Coleman Rt. 4, Box 373 Atmore, Ala. 36502 | Mrs. Geneva Wearren Rt. 3, Box 347 Atmore, Ala. 36502 | FULL |
| FRIENDSHIP | Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1 Flomaton, Ala. 36441 | Mrs. Irma Turner Rt. 1 Flomaton, Ala. 36441 | FULL |
| PINE GROVE | Rev. A. H. Ashcraft P. O. Box 45 Perdido, Ala. 36562 | Miss Carolyn Stewart Rt. 1, Box 247 Perdido, Ala. 36562 | FULL |
| RANGE | Rev. C. M. Byrd Perdido, Ala. 36562 | Mrs. Sena Hall Range, Ala. 36473 | 1st & 3rd Sundays |
| SEMIRAH SPRINGS | Rev. Robert Lord RFD 4 Atmore, Ala. 36502 | Mrs. Isabell Woods Rt. 1, Box 237 Uriah, Ala. 36480 | FULL |
| UNION GROVE | Rev. C. B. Baggett Rt. 1 Castleberry, Ala. 36432 | Mrs. Esther Gray Rt. 1 Castleberry, Ala. 36432 | FULL |