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-MINUTES-Of The Eighty-Third Annual Association Of The LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION Of FREE WILL BAPTISTS Held With RANGE CHURCH Range, Ala. October 6 and 7, 1972

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| QUARTERLY MEETINGS<br>1stJanuary 13,<br>2ndSemirah SpringsApril 7,<br>3rdFirst ChurchJuly 7,                        | 1973   |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION<br>FriendshipMay 5,  | 1973   |
| CTS RALLY<br>FriendshipAugust 3,  | 1973   |
| NEXT ASSOCIATION<br>AppletonOctober 12 & 13,  | 1973   |
| DEACONS & MINISTERS MEETINGS<br>1stJanuary 5,<br>2ndFirst ChurchMarch 30,<br>3rdJune 29,<br>4thPine GroveOctober 5, | 1973<br>1973   |
| YOUTH RALLIES<br>1stRangeNovember 24,<br>2ndSemirah SpringsTo Be Announced I<br>3rdTo Be Announced I                | Later  |

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### ORDER OF CONFERENCE

Invite visiting brethren to seat with us. 1.

- Opportunity for new members. 2.
- Reading of minutes of last conference. 3.
- Deacon's Report. 4.
- Unfinished business. 5.
- Miscellaneous business. 6.
- Motion to adjourn. 7.

Rev. C. B. Baggett....Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. 36432 Rev. Paul Bailey ... Rt. 1, Box 125-A, Daphne, Ala. 36526 Rev. C. M. Byrd.....Rt.1, Perdido, Ala. 36562 Rev. N. W. Carden ..... Rt.1, Flomaton, Ala. 36441 Rev. H. F. Coleman ..... Rt. 4, Atmore, Ala. 36502 Rev. T. E. Downey.....Perdido, Ala. 36562 Rev. J. T. Long.....Rt.1, Box 23, McDavid, Fla. 32568 Rev. Willis Murphy ..... Rt.2, Atmore, Ala. 36502 Rev. W. G. Palmer.....Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. 36432

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Ernest Thomley, Dolby Thomley, Agee McComds, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson and family from Pascagoula, Miss,; Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker and son, Jimmy from the Mobile Mission; Rev. David Huthinson, pastor of Christian Home FWB Church, McDavid, Fla.; and Rev. Joe Wallis, pastor of Shilo FWB Church, Bratt, Fla.

CANAAN: Naomi Lisenby, Frances Beasley and Ella Nall. FIRST CHURCH: Essie Coleman and Lucille Bruley. FRIENDSHIP: Eunice Jordan, Maxie Bass and Katie

RANGE: Ruth Crutchfield, Minnie Lee and Bonnie Saucer. SEMIRAH SPRINGS: Ruth Brown, Maiselle Woods, and

UNION GROVE:

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#### MINISTERS

- HONOR ROLL -

#### VISITORS

#### DELEGATES

APPLETON: Howard Henry, Buddy Bell and Willie Joe Wilson.

- Carden.
- PINE GROVE: Patsy Presley, Bessie Turner, and Hazel Bailey.
  - Genita Woods.
  - Mamie L. Palmer, Esther Gray and Annie Jo Baggett.

Total of 118 registered during the session, 1972

# PROCEEDINGS

# FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1972

The Eighty-Third Session of the Liberty No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptists opened with Bro. Elmer Gray directing four congregational songs, with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Rev. Joseph Wallis, pastor of Shilo Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Fla., brought the devotion from Acts 1:4-8. Prayer by speaker.

Rev. C. M. Byrd, host pastor, welcomed everyone. Each minister stood and introduced himself.

The Response was given by Bro. R. L. Jerkins.

The moderator, Rev. N. W. Carden, introduced the opening business session of the 83rd association by reading Psalms 46:1-5.

Associational deacons, Bro. R. L. Jerkins and Bro. Fred Crutchfield, were appointed by the moderator, along with other committees appointed.

Church letters, with their finance, and the Ministers' cards were turned into the clerk for the Executive Committee to examine.

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

Everyone joined in taking "The Right Hand of Christian Fellowship."

#### WORSHIP HOUR

The ll o'clock service opened with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing the singing, with Mrs. Stewart at the piano.

Bro. Buddy Bell played and sang "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand."

Prayer by Rev. M. G. Palmer.

Rev. Willis Murphy, pastor of Semirah Springs FWB Church, Uriah, brought the Morning Message on "Lord Remember Me", from Luke 23, Psalms 42, Hebrews 4:1-2, Jeremiah 1:8 and Hebrews 6:4-6.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. C. B. Baggett.

Rev. David Huthinson, pastor of Christian Home FWB Church, McDavid, Fla., gave "Thanks" for the meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 6, 1972

Assembled back at 1:15 with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stewart sang "I Saw The Face of Jesus".

Rev. David Huthinson brought the devotion from Mark 2:1-5, "Are We Getting Folks to Jesus". Prayer by speaker.

The moderator opened the business session.

Visitors were recognized.

Ministers, deacons and delegates were seated.

Reading clerks, Bro. Howard Henry and Bro. Ivan Stewart read the church letters, which they were approved and adopted. Ministers' cards were read, approved and adopted. Ministers then received their new Minister's card.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- 1. Elected Bro. Fred Crutchfield to serve on the Executive Committee.
- 2. Re-elected Rev. H. F. Coleman to serve on the Ordaining Council.
- 3. Elected Rev. N. W. Carden to serve on the Children's Home Trustee Board til' 1974.
- 4. Re-elected Rev. C. M. Byrd to serve as clerk on Liberty No. 1 Home Mission.
- Placement of coming year meetings announced (See Page 1).

Bro. Ted Fretwell thanked the association for the sympathy card sent to the family in death of their son.

The meeting was adjourned and dismissed in prayer by Rev. Willis Murphy.

A Catfish Supper Was Served By Host Church 5-6

# FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 6, 1972

Song service started at 6:45 with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing with Mrs. Stewart at the piano.

Rev. W. G. Palmer presided, followed by Rev. C. M. Byrd leading in prayer.

A special "Without Him" was sung by Buddy Bell and his group.

Rev. C. B. Baggett brought the evening devotion from Psalms 62:4-5.

A special "We Have An Anchor" was sung by Bro. & Sis. Ivan Stewart.

Prayer by Bro. Howard Henry.

Rev. Paul Bailey, pastor of Pine Grove FWB Church, Perdido, brought the evening message from 1 Corinthians 6:9-20, "You Are Bought With A Price". Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Otis Johnson.

# SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1972

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The ll o'clock service opened with Bro. Ted Fretwell directing the singing with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Special singing was rendered by all ministers present "Jesus Saves".

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The meeting opened at 10 o'clock with congregational singing directed by Bro. Elmer Gray with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano. Prayer by Rev. H. F. Coleman.

Rev. N. W. Carden, moderator, presided, with Bro. Fred Crutchfield giving a welcome from the host church.

Rev. T. E. Downey brought the morning devotion from 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12. Prayer by the speaker.

The moderator recognized all visitors, then read the 133rd Psalms.

All delegates were seated.

Rev. C. M. Byrd gave the Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Treasurer's Report (Report Page 27)

Committee reports were read by the reading clerks. They were approved and adopted. (See Committee reports).

### WORSHIP HOUR

Prayer by Rev. N. W. Carden. The ushers received the morning offering, amount \$49.43.

Prior to Rev. Kenneth Walker, Missionary to Mobile, bringing the Morning Message, he gave a brief breakdown on the Mission Work in Mobile. His scripture was from Matthew 6:33 using only the first four words, "But Seek Ye First"....., Mark 8:36, Hebrews 9:27, Luke 12! 15 & 21, Matthew 5:23 & 24, Matthew 7:3-5, and Matthew 8:21-22. "Top Priority" was his text. Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. James Burley.

Rev. J. T. Long gave "Thanks" for the lunch.

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7, 1972

Assembled back at 1:45 with Bro. Ed Smith directing the song service with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Rev. W. G. Palmer brought the afternoon devotion from St. John 20:21, Acts 10:34 & 35. Prayer by Bro. Otis Johnson.

Bro. Clyde Bruley of First Church, Atmore, was issued license to the Ministry for one year. Rev. H. F. Coleman presented the license to him.

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Bro. T. E. Downey was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel on Sunday afternoon, December 12, 1971 at 2:30 at Pine Grove Church, Perdido.

Sis. C. B. Baggett gave an oral report on the Youth Rally.

The clerk, Mrs. Ivan Stewart, gave the finance report. Presented Range Church with a check, amount of \$49.43 and appreciation was shown to Range Church for the nice hospitality given everyone.

Rev. W. G. Palmer gave the Advancement Report.

# SUGGESTION ADOPTED:

- Each church will have its own Youth Rally director and be responsible for its own program.
- 2. In time of bereavement, church clerks will call associational clerk, in turn the associational clerk will call all ministers. Telephone cost will be paid out of the Associational Treasury.

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- Delegates to State Association: Mrs. Ivan Stewart, Mrs. W. G. Palmer, Mrs. N. W. Carden, Miss Mamie Lou Palmer, Mrs. Buddy Bell, Mrs. Henry Howard and Mrs. Hazel Bailey.
- 2. Elections of New officers (See Page 2)
  - Voted to adjourned.
  - Dismissed in prayer by Rev. T. E. Downey.

# - REPORTS -

STATE AND HOME MISSION .... We find \$339.86 paid to State, \$351.15 to Nat'l Home Mission and \$30.00 paid to Other Home Mission, making a total of \$721.01.

## UNION GROVE CHURCH

FOREIGN MISSION .... We find 8 churches giving a total of \$383.10.

### RANGE CHURCH

RETIREMENT & INSURANCE.... There was \$368.05 paid in during this year.

#### FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

BIBLE COLLEGE .... \$359.75 was paid this year from our 8 churches.

# FIRST CHURCH

WNAC ... 7 churches have a Ladies Auxiliary with a membership of 68.

# APPLETON CHURCH

MASTER'S MEN .... Find 5 churches with a membership of 45 members.

# CANAAN CHURCH

CHILDREN'S HOME .... Our churches have contributed the following amounts to the support of the Home. \$437.17 given direct and \$419.35 from 10% money, making a total of \$856.52. May God Bless those who gave to this worthy cause.

# REV. W. G. PAIMER

STANDING OF MINISTRY ... We, the Executive Committee have examined the Ministers' Cards and Church Letters and found them to be in order. Report all our ministers present and 3 visiting ministers.

FINANCE.... The clerk gave her report and other general information. See treasurer's report on page 26.

MRS. IVAN I. STEWART

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All stood in prayer by Rev. Willis Murphy for the deceased.

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

|              | Age | Church             | Position | Date<br>of<br>Death |
|--------------|-----|--------------------|----------|---------------------|
| e Foster     | 67  | Pine<br>Grove      | Member   | 10/29/71            |
| undy         | 71  | Semirah<br>Springs | Deacon   | 10/31/71            |
| t Jordon     | 74  | Friend-<br>ship    | Deacon   | 2/11/72             |
| .E.Brooks    | 86  | Friend-<br>ship    | Minister | 2/17/72             |
| w Cain       | ?   | Range              | Member   | ?                   |
| eonia<br>ett | ?   | Canaan             | Member   | 4/16/72             |
| Byrd         | 57  | Pine<br>Grove      | Member   | 4/21/72             |

#### - 1972 CTS RALLY -

The CTS Rally was held at Canaan Church on August 4, 1972. Bro. Gary Benefield and Edward Smith presiding.

The theme was "Faithful".

Song service was led by Bro. Jesse Odom and Rev. J. T. Long gave the welcome address.

The host church gave the program on "unfaithful".

The special music was by Canaan Youth Group and Semirah Springs Youth Group.

Bro. Grady Palmer introduced the film "And then they forgot God". Bro. Buddy Bell was in charge of the film.

#### BUSINESS

| 1. | The | minutes  | of   | the   | last | meeti | ing | were | read   | and |
|----|-----|----------|------|-------|------|-------|-----|------|--------|-----|
|    | the | treasure | er's | s rep | port | given | and | appi | roved. | 6   |

- 2. Out of eight churches in Association, all were present except for two.
- Bro. Howard Henry was elected as the CTS Director for the next year. Bro. Howard appointed his wife, Carolyn, to be the secretary.
- 4. Appleton Church won the highest attendance award that was presented by Gary Benefield.

Bro. Roy Cain gave prayer for offering. The offering was \$22.74.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. N. W. Carden. Refreshments were served by the host church.

| TREASURER'S REPORT                             |
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| Balance in treasurer 8/3/72\$37.76             |
| Offering 8/4/72 22.74                          |
| TOTAL\$60.50                                   |
| Minus rent for film at rally shown 8/4/7226.50 |
| TOTAL IN TREASURE \$34.00                      |

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The annual Sunday School Convention was held with Canaan Free Will Baptist Church on May 1, 1972.

Programs were presented by all 8 churches with the exception of 1.

Awards were presented to the following churches: 1. Highest Attendance for the day.....Appleton 2. Best Program Presented....Semirah Springs 3. Most New Members Gained....Appleton 4. Most Organized Sunday School Visited..Friendship

The balance in convention treasury as of May 1, 1972, \$130.57.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith were re-elected to serve as District Superintendent and Secretary for the year 1972-1973.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Edward Smith District SS Supt. STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1972

| CHURCH         | Evangelistic   | Bible College | Retirement &<br>Insurance | Travel<br>Expense | Misc.   | Walk-A-Thon  | Literature | TOTAL<br>MONEY<br>TAKEN IN |
|----------------|--|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|--|------------|----------------------------|
| Appleton       | 125.00   | *             | *                         |                   | 1136.44 | 50.00  | 482.63     | 13,845.45                  |
| Canaan         | 375.00   |               | 8.31                      |                   | 1243.43 | 25.00  | 194.00     | 4,447.22                   |
| - First Church | 140.00   | *             | ×                         |                   | 90.78   | The state of the second st | 177.93     | 5,153.51                   |
| Friendship     | 220.00   | 80.19         | 80.19                     |                   | 1134.51 |  | 389.00     | 8,028.83                   |
| Pine Grove     | Construction participants, production of the second party of the s | *             | *                         | 18.58             | 433.15  | 85.00  | 123.23     | 4,567.81                   |
| Range          |  | *             | *                         | 9.40              |         | 15.00  | 47.90      | 877.64                     |
| Semirah        | 110.00   | *             | *                         | 17.60             | 457.43  | 25.00  | 166.53     | 3,202.56                   |
| Union Grove    | 225.00   | *             | *                         | 3.20              | 829.15  |  | 197.42     | 4,708.72                   |
| 10% Money      |  | 279.55        | 279.55                    |                   |         | Contraction of the second s  |            |                            |
| TOTAL:         | 1195.00  | 359.74        | 368.05                    | 48.78             | 4850.94 | 200.00   | 1778.64    | 44,831.74                  |

\* Gave out of 10% Money

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| CHURCH             | Members | 10%<br>Money | Libert<br>No. 1 | te     | t'l Home<br>Other | tor's      | eign<br>sion | ldren's<br>e | Building<br>And<br>Repair |
| Appleton           | 122     | 1384.54      | *               | ×      | *                 | 5200.00    | ×            | *            | 3217.49                   |
| Canaan             | 100     |              | *               | 18.31  | *                 | 1945.00    | 37.45        | 118.80       | 750.58                    |
| First Church       | 32      | 260.38       | *               | *      | *                 | 2639.00    | *            | ¥            | 249.71                    |
| Friendship         | 101     |              | 280.87          | *      | 40.10             | 4853.60    | 40.10        | 176.13       | 944.49                    |
| Pine Grove         | 47      | 283.64       | *               | *      | *                 | 1885.00    | *            | *            | 753.69                    |
| Range              | 55      | 75.95        | *               | *      | *                 | 510.00     | *            | *17.00       | 200.34                    |
| Semirah<br>Springs | 58      | 320.27       | *               | *42.00 | *61.50            | 1320.00    | *26.00       | *75.24       | 562.83                    |
| Union Grove        | 45      | 470.83       | *               | *      | *                 | 2200.00    | *            | *50.00       | 1944.29                   |
| 10% Money          |         |              | 978.51          | 279.55 | 279.55            |            | 279.55       | 419.35       |                           |
| TOTAL              | 560     | 2795.61      | 1259.38         | 339.86 | 381.15            | 20552.60   | 383.10       | 856.52       | 8623.42                   |

\* Gave out of 10% Money

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- 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 respector 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 PUNISH-MENT. "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 yew an example." John 13:15. "Verily, verily, I say un'b 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 everyone 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 may hold a conference as often as it deems it necessary.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of each church to commune and wash the Saints feet at least each quarter.

SECTION 6. The church shall not try a member without a hearing unless said member refuses to attend the conference, when notified to do so.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 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 ordiance 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 9. Deacons shall not be ordained until they are tried.

SECTION 10. Each minister shall be a member of some live church and in good standing with the church.

SECTION 11. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting, 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 12. 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 drunkeness is strictly forbidden.

### ARTICLE NO. 2

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 emerison 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. MINISTERS' CARDS will be dated to expire on Oct. 31 of each year. The Executive Committee will examine cards. At their approval, ministers will receive a new card.

SECTION 9. The name of this association shall be "LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS".

SECTION 10. Each Sunday School will turn in a report to clerk of Sunday School Convention in May, and bring a program.

SECTION 18. The Executive Committee will examine all church letters and upon their approvable letters will be read and delegates seated. For traveling Executive Committee will be paid 10¢ per mile by the association.

SECTION 19. (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 11. Suggest that old and disabled Ministers be placed on HONOR ROLL and receive identification cards annually.

SECTION 12. Each church can send not more than 3 elected delegates to represent their church.

SECTION 13. 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 14. No church shall use a Minister or Deacon with more than one living wife, and be in good standing with this association.

SECTION 15. This Association will not accept any church with any name other than Free Will Baptist. And no minister belonging to Liberty No. 1 shall pastor a church with any other name.

SECTION 16. It is the duty and the solom responsibility of every member to support their church with tithes and offerings.

SECTION 17. 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 the GOSPEL. SECTION 20, The Moderator be paid \$30.00, Clerk paid \$40.00 and assistant clerk paid \$10.00.

SECTION 21. Each church to encourage their pastor to attend the State Association if possible and pay his expense.

SECTION 22. The Associational offering will go to the host church for associational expense as adopted at the 78th Session, Oct. 7, 1967.

SECTION 23. Executive and Ordaining Council not to meet during session if all possible.

SECTION 24. 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 25. 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, 15%; BIBLE COLLEGE, 10%; RETIREMENT & INSURANCE, 10% FOREIGN MISSION, 10%; NAT'L HOME MISSION, 10%; ALABAMA FWB MISSION, 10%; and LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION HOME MISSION, 35%. Churches can earmark their money to causes they desire. Clerk will handle only money payable to the association.

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MINISTERS'REPORT

| MINISTER'S<br>NAME | Churches<br>Pastored | Sermons<br>Preached | Married | Funerals | Baptized | Revivals | Members<br>Rec'd. | Profess.<br>Witnes. | MONEY<br>RECEIVED |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. C. B. Baggett | 1                    | 160                 | 0       | 1        | 2        | 0        | 2                 | 2                   | \$2,200.00        |
| Rev. Paul Bailey   | 1                    | 115                 | 0       | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1                 | 0                   | 1,885.00          |
| Rev. C. M. Byrd    | 1                    | 47                  | 0       | 3        | 9        | 1        | 7                 | 7                   | 600.00            |
| Rev. N. W. Carden  | 1                    | 114                 | 0       | 5        | 21       | 2        | 28                | 29                  | 4,953.60          |
| Rev. H. F. Coleman | 1                    | 163                 | 0       | 1        | 1        | 0        | 2                 | 1                   | 2,700.00          |
| Rev. T. E. Downey  | 0                    | 56                  | 0       | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0                 | 0                   | 415.00            |
| Rev. J. T. Long    | 1                    | 106                 | 0       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0                 | 0                   | 1,945.00          |
| Rev. W. A. Murphy  | 1                    | 95                  | 0       | 0        | 5        | 0        | 5                 | 5                   | 1,320.00          |
| Rev. W. G. Palmer  | 1                    | 129                 | 0       | 3        | 18       | 3        | 20                | 40                  | 5,550.00          |

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### - 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 comformity 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 obserance 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 meccept 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.  $-2l_{\rm c}$ 

# QUARTERLY MEETINGS REPORTS

#### FIRST MEETING:

Was held January 8, 1972 at Canaan Church. NO SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED:

### SECOND MEETING:

Was held April 8, 1972 at Semirah Springs Church.

NO SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED:

#### THIRD MEETING:

Was held July 8, 1972 at Friendship Church. NO SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED:

# TREASURER'S REPORT

| Balance in treasury 10/25/71   | \$ 230.25                             |
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| PLUS DEPOSITS:   |                                       |
| <ol> <li>1. 1st Quarterly Meeting\$ 27.04</li> <li>2. 2nd Quarterly Meeting 22.82</li> </ol> |                                       |
| 3. 3rd Quarterly Meeting 16.29   |                                       |
|  |                                       |
| TOTAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS\$ 66.15   |                                       |
| 4. 10% MoneyAppleton\$1,384.54   |                                       |
| First Church 260.38  |                                       |
| Pine Grove 283.64  |                                       |
| Range  |                                       |
| Union Grove 470.83   |                                       |
|  |                                       |
| TOTAL 10% MONEY\$2,795.61  |                                       |
| 5. Associational Fees  |                                       |
| 6. Associational Offering 49.43  |                                       |
| 7. Special Offering  |                                       |
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| 8. Treastie Sold 10.80<br>9. Ck. # 136 Outstanding 24.00                                     |                                       |
| to Pleasant Grove FWB Church   |                                       |
|  | #0 1 F1 40                            |
| TOTAL DEPOSITS \$3,151.82  | \$3,151.82                            |
| GRAND TOTAL.   | . 53,382.01                           |
| MINUS EXPENSES:  |                                       |
| 1. FWB Children's Home\$ 419.35  |                                       |
| 2. FWB Retirement & Ins 279.55   |                                       |
| 3. FWB Bible College 279.55  |                                       |
| 4. FWB Foreign Mission 279.55  |                                       |
| 5. Ala.FWB Home Mission 279.55   |                                       |
| 6. FWB Nat'l Home Mission 279.55   |                                       |
| 7. Liberty No.1 Home Mission1,000.34   |                                       |
| 8. Supplies  |                                       |
| 9. Perdido Post Office 4.00  |                                       |
| 10. 24 FWB Treatise 12.60  |                                       |
| 11. Officers Fees 80.00  |                                       |
| 12. Range FWB Church   |                                       |
| 13. Ala. State Fees  | The Test Contract And Contract        |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES\$3,080.89   | \$3,080.89                            |
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| Balance in Treasury 10/7/72  | International Activity (Second Second |

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# LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasurer 11/18/71.....\$3,567.84 PLUS DEPOSITS: January.....\$451.13 April..... 277.20 TOTAL DEPOSITS ... \$1445.16 \$1445.16

Balance in treasurer 10/7/72.....\$5,013.00

TIME OF MEETING AT EACH CHURCH, 1973

| CHURCH             | PASTOR  | CLERK   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| APPLETON           | Rev. W. G. Palmer<br>Rt. 1, Box 287<br>Castleberry, Ala. 36432    | Mrs. Ruthel P. Smith<br>Rt. 4, Box 116<br>Brewton, Ala. 36426 |
| CANAAN             | Rev. J. T. Long<br>Rt. 1, Box 23<br>McDavid, Fla. 32568           | Mrs. Thelma Odom<br>Rt. 4, Box 231-A<br>Brewton, Ala. 36426   |
| FIRST CHURCH       | Rev. H. F. Coleman<br>Rt. 4, Box 373<br>Atmore, Ala. 36502        | Mrs. Geneva Wearren<br>Rt. 3, Box 346-A<br>Atmore, Ala. 36502 |
| FRIENDSHIP         | Rev. N. W. Carden<br>Rt. 1<br>Flomaton, Ala. 36441                | Mrs. Irma Turner<br>Rt. 1, Box 157<br>Flomaton, Ala. 36441    |
| PINE GROVE         | Rev. Paul Bailey<br>Rt. 1, Box 125-A<br>Daphne, Ala. 36526        | Mrs. Melba Crnarich<br>Rt. 1, Box 17<br>Perdido, Ala. 36526   |
| RANGE              | Rev. C. M. Byrd<br>Perdido, Ala. 36562                            | Mrs. Sena Hall<br>Range, Ala. 36473                           |
| SEMIRAH<br>SPRINGS | Rev. Willis Murphy<br>Rt. 2<br>Atmore, Ala. 36502                 | Mrs. Isabell Woods<br>Rt. 1, Box 237<br>Uriah, Ala. 36480     |
| UNION GROVE        | Rev. C. B. Baggett<br>Rt. 1, Box 212-A<br>Castleberry, Ala. 36432 | Mrs. Esther Gray<br>Rt. 1<br>Castleberry, Ala. 364            |

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