



86th Session

of

Liberty No. 1 Association

of

Free Will Baptist

1975 Minutes



-MINUTES-
OF THE
Eighty-Sixth Annual Association
OF THE
LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
CANAAN CHURCH
RT. 4, BREWTON, ALA.
OCTOBER 10 and 11, 1975

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st CANAAN.....January 10, 1976
2nd PINE GROVE.....April 10, 1976
3rd UNION GROVEJuly 10, 1976

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Semirah SpringsMay 1, 1976

CTS RALLY

Semirah SpringsAugust 6, 1976

NEXT ASSOCIATION

Semirah SpringsOctober 8 & 9, 1976

YOUTH RALLY

Bro. Burnice Gray, director, will notify churches, place, date & etc.

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

THEME: "Build My Church" - Matthew 16:18

JANUARY 2, 1976RANGE

Speaker - Rev. Tony Downey

"The Foundation Of The Local Church" (Christ)

APRIL 2, 1976SEMIRAH SPRINGS

Speaker - Rev. E. F. Sanford

"The Fabric Of The Local Church" (Born-Again Christians)

JULY 2, 1976UNION GROVE

Speaker - Rev. C. B. Baggett

"The Financing Of The Local Church" (Tithes & Offerings)

OCTOBER 1, 1976APPLETON

Speaker - Rev. W. G. Palmer

"The Format Of The Local Church" (Preach The Gospel Of Christ)

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	YEAR
Douglas Carden	Rt. 1, Flomaton, Al. 36441-1976
Fred Crutchfield	Lenox, Al. 36454-1977
Jimmy Smith	Rt. 4, Brewton, Al. 36426-1978
Ted Fretwell	Rt. 1, Uriah, Al. 36480-1979
Jesse James Odom	Rt. 4, Brewton, Al. 36426-1980

ORDAINING COUNCIL

	YEAR
Rev. W. G. Palmer	Rt. 1, Castleberry, Al. 36432-1976
Rev. H. F. Coleman	Rt. 4, Atmore, Al. 36502-1977
Rev. N. W. Carden	Rt. 1, Flomaton, Al. 36441-1978
Rev. Herman Baker	629 N. Mt. Pleasant Monroeville, Al. 36460-1979
Rev. Clyde Bruley	Star Rt. B, Atmore, Al. 36502-1980

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.

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-HONOR ROLL-

Rev. J. W. Arnette

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Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Walker, Mobile, Ala.
Jimmy Walker, Mobile, Ala.
Rev. & Mrs. Harvey Henderson, Bratt, Fla.
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Reiter, Mobile, Ala.
Emma Lee, McDavid, Fla.

DELEGATES

APPLETON: Marencia Palmer, Minnie Pearl Casey Ruby Jean Wilson.
CANAAN: Mae Alice Findley, Ella Nall & Iva Lee Lisenby
FIRST CHURCH: Lucille Bruley, Essie Coleman & Betty Randall.
FRIENDSHIP: Maxie Baas, Lee Cagle & Charles Carden
PINE GROVE: Guy Milstid, Rodger Presley & Sallie Chafin
RANGE: Ruth Crutchfield, Elaine Downey & Barbara Baker
SEMIRAH SPRINGS: Ruth Brown, Maiselle Woods & Isabell Woods
UNION GROVE: Burnice Gray, James Wright & Esther Gray

-PROCEEDINGS-

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1975

The Eighty-Sixth Session of the Liberty No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptists opened with Bro. Jesse James Odom directing the song service with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Rev. P. L. Findley, host pastor, welcomed everyone.

Bro. Herbert Cardwell brought the Morning Devotional on the "Plan of Salvation" using scriptures for the alphabet. Prayer by speaker.

Rev. C. B. Baggett, moderator, introduced the opening session of the 86th Association Session. He stressed that we use in our business these three things - (1) God's Word, (2) FWB Treatise (3) Minutes of Liberty No. 1 Association. Prayer by moderator.

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us.

Associational Deacons were appointed by the moderator who were deacons from Canaan church.

Church letter statistical reports were given out by reading clerks, Rev. W. G. Palmer and Bro. Ivan Stewart.

Ministers' cards were turned into the clerk.

WORSHIP HOUR

The 11 o'clock service opened with Bro. Elmer Gray directing the song service.

An offering of \$44.09 was received.

Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart sang "Little Is Much If God Is In It", as a special.

Rev. Kenneth Walker, Mobile Mission Church, gave an oral report of the Mobile Church, prior to his message. Scripture was from Matthew 24:12, Hebrews 3:13 and Hebrews 11:24-26, based on "Sin". Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed for lunch and giving of "Thanks" by Rev. J. T. Long.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10, 1975

Assembled back at 1:30 with Rev. Clyde Bruley directing the singing.

The moderator opened the business meeting by reading Matthew 12:50. Prayer by Bro. Herbert Cardwell.

The program was adopted flexible.

Delegates were read from church letters and seated. Visitors and corresponding delegates were recognized.

Committees were announced by the moderator.

Associational church letter and other requests were read:

ORDAINATION OF DEACON At This Session

James A. Turner from Friendship Church and Rodger D. Presley from Pine Grove.

Sunday, Oct. 26 - Pine Grove
Guy Milstid from Pine Grove.

LICENSE OF THE MINISTRY

Kenneth Reiter from Mobile Mission Church.

The Executive Committee recommended to the body that these requests be referred to the Ordaining Council.

NEW CHURCHES

Addressed to Liberty No. 1 Association: We, the members of Calvary FWB Church of Rabun respectfully request to be united in full fellowship.

The Executive Committee recommended that in accordance with the National FWB Treatise, Section 3, Chapter 1, Page 49, Item C, that action be delayed concerning Calvary Church until January, 1976 Quarterly Meeting.

Voted by body to accept and return their fee of \$25.00.

Ministers' cards were read, approved and adopted.

Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Report forms were passed out by reading clerks, Rev. W. G. Palmer and Bro. Ivan Stewart. Bro. Ivan Stewart gave report, which was accepted by the body.

Alabama State Home Mission Report forms were passed out also by reading clerks. Rev. W. G. Palmer and Bro. Ivan Stewart commended on how well our churches responded to the \$2.50 per member, which we went \$533.64 over its scheduled amount.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Elected Bro. Jesse James Odom to serve on the Executive Committee.

2. Elected Rev. Clyde Bruley to serve on the Ordaining Council.

3. Re-elected Bro. Ivan Stewart as clerk and treasurer of Liberty No. 1 Home Mission.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Rodger Presley.

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 10, 1975

Rev. P. L. Findley presided. Song Service began at 7 o'clock with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Special music was provided by Rev. & Sis. W. G. Palmer and Sis. Annie Jo Baggett, who sang "I'm Too Far Upon My Journey" and Rev. and Sis. Phelan Findley sang, "In The Garden".

Rev. E. F. Sanford brought the Evening Message, "Do It" from John 2:5.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. G. Palmer.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1975

Rev. P. L. Findley presided with a hearty welcome. Song service was directed by Rev. Clyde Bruley with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Rev. Herman Baker brought the Morning Devotion on "The Fruit Of The Spirit", Galatians 5:22-23. Prayer by speaker.

The moderator presided over the business session by seating the delegates and recognizing the visitors.

Committee reports were given, approved and adopted.

Rev. Herman Baker gave report on Board of Christian Education. Voted to have another "Layman's Retreat".

WORSHIP HOUR

The Worship Hour began at 11:07 with Rev. Clyde Bruley directing the song service.

Special music was by the Canaan Group.

The ushers, Bro. Guy milstid and Bro. Greg Bruley received the offering, amount of \$21.44.

Rev. Harvey Henderson brought the Morning Message from Matthew 14:22-33, "The Severity of the Storm". Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed for lunch and giving of "Thanks" by Rev. Clyde Bruley.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 11, 1975

Assembled back at 1:30 with Bro. Buddy Bell directing the song session. Prayer by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

Specials were sung by Union Grove group "On The Way Home" and "Now I Have Everything".

The moderator opened the final business with balance of Committee Reports given, approved and adopted. Bro. Ivan Stewart gave an oral report of the Children's Home. The clerk gave the finance report, approved and adopted. Also presented Canaan Church with a check of \$65.53.

Executive Committee report given by Ivan Stewart. New Minister's cards were issued.

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL (read by Rev. Herman Baker) recommended that (1) Bro. Guy Milstid be ordained as a deacon on Oct. 26 at his local church. (2) Bro. Rodger Presley and Bro. James Turner be ordained as a deacon at this session of the association. and (3) Bro. Ken Reiter be licensed by the Mobile Mission and such license to be ratified by this association, at such time as the church joins the association. This license shall satisfy the "Watch-Care" period of this association. So that upon approval he can be ordained in one year. Voted and approved item by item.

ORDAINATION

Bro. Rodger Presley and Bro. James Turner were ordained as a Deacon. Rev. N. W. Carden read scripture from 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Rev. W. G. Palmer prayed the Ordination Prayer. Clerk presented each with a Certificate of Ordination. Also issued Rev. C. B. Baggett a duplicate copy of his Minister's Ordination paper due to be burned up in his house.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. (A) Whereas the articles of the constitution and by-laws of the Liberty No. 1 Association are by no means in proper sequence and whereas many articles are in conflict with other articles and whereas many articles

have been changed by majority vote but have not been properly altered in the constitution, I hereby move we appoint a committee of three (3) ministers (1 being the moderator) to study a restructuring and recomposing of the articles of the constitution to be brought back before this association for approval or rejection. (B) Any rule or article will not conflict with the National Treatise. Much be backed up by the National Treatise.

Committee elected were: Rev. P. L. Findley, moderator; Rev. W. G. Palmer and Rev. Clyde Bruley.

2. (A) We suggest that any rotating board member who does not actively attend all associational meeting (both annually and quarterly) or give notice of reason for not being absent prior to meeting date of the association be automatically removed and replaced. (B) Moderator and Executive Board to take care of matter from record kept by Executive Committee.

3. Body approved \$1100.00 loan to Canaan Church from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Treasurer at \$100.00 per month for 11 months.

4. Executive Committee was appointed to handle Calvary Church, if an invitation was extended.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Delegates to State Meeting: Minnie Pearl Casey, Loren Hawkins, Julius Butler, Maxie Baas, Gwen Stewart, Barbara Baker, Herbert Cardwell and James Wright.

2. Election of new officers (See Page 2)

Appreciation was shown to host church for its nice hospitality given everyone.

Motion and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Greg Bruley.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS REPORTS

FIRST MEETING:

Was held January 11, 1975 at Pine Grove.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Calvary FWB Church, if they desire, use the men recommended as deacons, Bro. Floyd Milstid and Bro. Bradley White, while they are under the Watch Care of Liberty No. 1 Association until they fulfill the year trial period. Then upon satisfactory service they still feel they should be ordained make such recommendation to the Ordaining Council.

Signed
Rev. C. B. Baggett, Ch.

2. We recommend that Bro. Fred Crutchfield be given new ordination papers by Liberty No. 1 Association.

Signed
Rev. C. B. Bagget, Ch.

3. We, The Preachers & Deacons, recommend that our association reduce its Liberty No. 1 Association Home Mission percentage to read 25 percent instead of 35 percent in the minutes, Section 25, in order to give Alabama State Home Mission 20 percent instead of 10 percent. To become effective 2nd quarter, 1975.

4. Whereas the information given in the church letters is given at the association twice, once in the reading of the letters and again in the committee report: We recommend that the letters be mailed to the clerk one week prior to the Quarterly Meetings and have the information itemized for the committees, thus eliminating the need for reading the letters individually, thereby giving more time to be used in a devotional nature during the Quarterly Meeting Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Phelan Findly, Ch.; Clyde Bruley and Herman Baker

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SECOND MEETING:

Was held April 12, 1975 at Union Grove Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. Chairman of each committee to give an oral report to the body at each meeting.

2. Body approved \$3500.00 loan to Friendship FWB Church from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission treasurer at \$125.00 per month for 28 months. (\$3,000.00 for 1974 Dodge ½ ton van, motor No. AE4X140775 and \$500.00 for building program of church).

SUGGESTIONS TABLED

1. SECTION 10. Eliminate "And bring a program".

2. SECTION 28: Insert in Articles 2 and 3 the word "Help" between the words "To" and "Plan".

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THIRD MEETING:

Was held July 12, 1975 at Semirah Springs Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. A suggestion from the Ministers and Deacons meeting to transfer money from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Treasurer into the Association General Treasurer to sponsor the Alabama State Association in November. It was passed by the body. An amendment to the motion to raise the amount from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00, 2nd and passed.

2. A motion made by Bro. Baker to allow all Board & Committee members to vote on all business. This was 2nd and passed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Annual Sunday School Convention was held on May 3, 1975 at the Range Free Will Baptist Church.

Programs were presented by each church. A Bible Story Book was presented to each of the churches.

The balance in convention Sunday School treasury as of May 3, 1975 was \$52.84.

Bro. Rodger Presley was nominated to serve as District Superintendent for the year 1975-76.

-1975 CTS RALLY-

The CTS Rally was held at Range FWB Church on Friday night, August 1, 1975 at 7:30 p. m.

Scripture was read from Acts 1:1 and Psalms 94:10. Mrs. Herman Baker was in charge of Chorus time and Tic-Tac-Toe. Rev. Bruley brought the message.

Howard Henry read the treasurer's report, balance in treasurer \$130.76.

Bro. Burnice Gray was elected the new CTS Director. Adjourned and refreshments were served by host church.

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 1975

	APPLETON	CANAAN	FIRST CHURCH	FRIENDSHIP	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMI-RAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTAL:	"Watch Care" CALVARY
MEMBERS RECEIVED	14	4	4	20	3	8	0	5	58	20
Baptism	7	1		13	1				22	12
Letter	5	3		7	2	4			21	1
Conf. Faith	2		4			4		5	15	7
DISMISSED	21	1	7	3	2		2	5	41	2
Letter Excluded	21		6	3			1	5	15	
*Deceased		1	1		2		1		23	2
									3	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	128	91	35	105	35	26	58	103	581	38
Resident	123	35	27	92	25	26	47	61	436	38
Non-Resident	5	56	8	13	10		11	42	145	
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS										
Sunday School	107	23	32	69	33	29	51	31	375	30
CTS	70	23	17	65	20		31	34	260	
Auxiliary		12		14	10	13	16	10	75	16
Master's Men				18		5		6	29	
Mid-Week Ser.	45	20	15	20	10	15	20	22	167	

* James Hood, age 80, member First Church, died 4/25/75
 George Calton Woods, age 51, member Semirah Springs, died 9/16/75
 Mahalie Landrum, age unknown, member Canaan Church, died 9/22/75

STATISTICAL EXPENDITURE REPORT - 1975

OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	10 Percent Money Paid Out	APPLETON	CANAAN	FIRST CHURCH	FRIENDSHIP	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMI-RAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTAL:	"Watch Care" CALVARY
*10% Money	5424.54	1671.59	242.01	451.10	920.07	477.47	451.01	486.28	688.36	* 5424.54	36.65
Children's Home	813.66		59.08			47.00		34.00		953.74	
Bible College	542.45									542.45	
Retirement & Ins.	542.45									542.45	
MISSIONS											
Liberty No.1	1484.74									1484.74	
Home	542.45		45.00					50.00		637.45	
State	956.34	114.27				224.21	159.50	125.00	44.32	1623.64	
Foreign	542.45		24.50					20.00	25.00	611.95	
Project "500"						100.08				100.08	
LOCAL EXPENDITURES											
Pastor's Salary		6500.00	2130.00	2425.00	4604.15	2330.00	1580.00	2110.00	3540.00	25219.15	
Evangelistic		350.00	50.00		100.00	180.00	137.00	125.00	200.00	1142.00	
Literature		1039.12	231.81	271.46	769.02	224.26	234.55	232.65	582.68	3585.55	86.79
Bus Expense		1112.51								1112.51	
Bldg. & Repair		2414.17	1061.80	1184.48	857.15	1566.12	2202.11	763.59	1108.75	11158.17	7299.36
Miscellaneous		1437.69	918.12	953.67	2589.71	949.72	136.31	461.38	1053.31	8499.91	425.79
Other		572.57		1012.10	492.30	280.00	404.73	250.00	375.00	3386.70	372.20
Assoc. Fees		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	200.00	
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN		16715.95	4572.62	4509.42	9202.25	6883.69	4144.95	4862.74	6883.73	57,775.35	10176.78

* With Calvary's 10% money added in Total

-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 everyone 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 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 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 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 immersion 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 October 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 BAPTIST".

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

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 solemn 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 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 10c per mile by the association.

SECTION 19. (A) The Liberty No. 1 Association Home Mission Money can be loaned to churches at NO INTEREST. Proper paper work will be done by Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Board and church will pay all paper work expenses. **(B)** Two board members must sign for money to be withdrawn from bank. **(C)** Money can only be let out only by proper paper work approved by body of Liberty No. 1 Quarterly Meetings or Association.

SECTION 20. The Moderator be paid \$30.00, Clerk paid \$50.00 and Asst. Clerk paid \$10.00.

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

SECTION 22. The Associational offering will go to the host church for associational expenses 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 percent of its income to the Association Treasury to be distributed from the Associational Treasury to the different phases of work: CHILDREN'S HOME . . . 15 percent; BIBLE COLLEGE . . . 10 percent; RETIREMENT & INSURANCE . . . 10 percent; FOREIGN MISSION . . . 10 percent; NAT'L. HOME MISSION . . . 10 percent; ALABAMA FWB MISSION . . . 20 percent; and LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION HOME MISSION . . . 25 percent. Churches can ear-mark their money to causes they desire. Clerk will handle only money payable to the association.

SECTION 26. Each church will have its own Youth Rally director and be responsible for its own program.

SECTION 27. 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.

SECTION 28. BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: This Board shall be composed of three members, serving a three year term with one member being elected each year. One member shall be elected by the Sunday School Convention and serve as its moderator throughout his term of office. One member shall be elected by the CTS Convention and serve as its moderator throughout his term of office. One member shall be elected by the Annual Association and serve as chairman throughout his term of office.

The duties of this board shall be:

1. To plan and promote Christian Education in the association and in the local church.
2. To help plan the Sunday School Convention.
3. To help plan the CTS Convention.
4. To plan and promote teacher training and educational developments in the association and in the local church such as:
 - (a) Ministers' and Deacons' Retreats
 - (b) Laymen's Institutes
 - (c) Bible Conferences

BOARD MEMBERS

1. Rodger Presley. . . . S. S.
2. Burnice Gray . . . CTS
3. Rev. Herman Baker . . . Association, Chairman of Board

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasurer 10-12-74	\$ 8,670.80
Minus Interest Loss-First Church	377.64
	<u>\$ 8,293.16</u>

PLUS DEPOSITS:

January	\$ 449.98	
April	297.81	
July	362.50	
October	374.45	
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$1,484.74	\$ 1,484.74
Interest	227.08	
TOTAL	\$10,004.98	

LESS NOTES:

First Church, Atmore	\$2,371.89	
Friendship, Pollard	\$2,875.00	
	<u>\$5,246.89</u>	<u>5,246.89</u>

Balance in treasurer 10-9-75	<u>\$ 4,758.09</u>
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MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTER'S NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Married	Funerals	Baptized	Revivals	Members Rec'd	Profess. Witnes.	MONEY RECEIVED
Rev. C. B. Baggett	1	104	1	1	1	0	5	0	\$3,540.00
Rev. Herman Baker	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	400.00
Rev. Paul Bailey	1	131	0	0	12	5	20	31	438.00
Rev. Clyde Bruley	1	130	2	2	3	0	4	3	2,425.00
Rev. N. W. Carden	1	109	5	4	13	1	20	20	4,804.15
Rev. H. F. Coleman	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	NONE
Rev. T. E. Downey	1	150	0	0	1	0	7	0	1,580.00
Rev. P. L. Findley	1	104	0	1	1	0	4	1	2,130.00
Rev. J. T. Long	1	120	0	0	1	1	3	2	2,330.00
Rev. W. A. Murphy	0	10	2	2	0	0	0	8	NONE
Rev. W. G. Palmer	1	111	1	4	10	0	14	18	6,625.00
Rev. E. F. Sanford	1	93	0	2	0	0	4	10	2,110.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasurer 10/12/74.....\$ 330.75

PLUS DEPOSITS:

1. 1st Quarterly Meeting.....\$ 29.62
2. 2nd Quarterly Meeting..... 37.87
3. 3rd Quarterly Meeting..... 34.00

TOTAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS...\$ 101.49

4. 10% Money....Appleton.....\$1,671.59
 - Canaan..... 242.01
 - Calvary..... 36.65
 - First Church..... 451.10
 - Friendship..... 920.07
 - Pine Grove..... 477.47
 - Range..... 451.01
 - Semirah Springs... 486.28
 - Union Grove..... 688.36

TOTAL 10% MONEY.....\$5,424.54

5. Associational Fees.....\$ 200.00
6. Associational Offering..... 65.53
7. Bulletins Reimbursement..... 3.65
8. Layman's Retreat..... 360.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS.....\$6,155.21

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GRAND TOTAL.....\$6,485.96

MINUS EXPENSES:

1. FWB Children's Home.....\$ 813.66
2. FWB Retirement & Ins. 542.45
3. FWB Bible College..... 542.45
4. FWB Foreign Mission..... 542.45
5. Ala. FWB Home Mission..... 956.34
6. FWB Nat'l Home Mission..... 542.45
7. Liberty No. 1 Home Mission.... 1,484.74
8. Supplies..... 79.28
9. Stamps..... 8.00
10. Layman's Retreat..... 510.00
11. Officers Fees..... 90.00
12. Canaan FWB Church..... 65.53
13. Ala. State Fees..... 80.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$6,257.35

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Balance in treasurer 10/9/75.....\$ 228.61

Signed Mrs. Ivan Stewart
Clerk

Free Will Baptist 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 Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference; 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 promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and 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 education 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 our Lord Jesus Christ.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

CHURCH & PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	PASTOR	CLERK	TIME & CLERK'S TELEPHONE
APPLETON 966-3271	Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Box 287 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Mrs. Ruthel P. Smith Rt. 4, Box 116 Brewton, Ala. 36426	Full 867-5958
CANAAN 966-3401	Rev. P. L. Findley Rt. 2, Box 39 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Mrs. Frances Beasley Rt. 4, Box 244 Brewton, Ala. 36426	Full 867-6755
FIRST CHURCH 368-3027	Rev. Clyde Bruley Star Rt. B, Box 309-A Atmore, Ala. 36502	Mrs. Geneva Wearren Rt. 3, Box 346-A Atmore, Ala. 36502	Full 368-2976
FRIENDSHIP 296-3621	Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1 Flomaton, Ala. 36441	Mrs. Irma Turner Rt. 1, Box 157 Flomaton, Ala. 36441	Full 296-2219
PINE GROVE (904) 256-2735	Rev. J. T. Long Rt. 1, Box 23 McDavid, Fla. 32568	Rodger Presley Rt. 1, Box 3-A Perdido, Ala. 36562	Full 937-6382
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SEMIRAH SPRINGS (904) 682-2240	Rev. E. F. Sanford 714 E. Williams Crestview, Fla. 32536	Mrs. Isabell Woods Rt. 1, Box 237 Uriah, Ala. 36480	Full
UNION GROVE 966-3274	Rev. C. B. Baggett Rt. 1, Box 212-A Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Mrs. Bonnie Wright P. O. Box 215 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Full