



87th Session

of

Liberty No. 1 Association

of

Free Will Baptist



1976 Minutes

- MINUTES -

OF THE
Eighty-Seventh Annual Association

OF THE
LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
Semirah Springs Church
RT. 1, URIAH, AL.

OCTOBER 8 and 9, 1976

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st FRIENDSHIP January 8, 1977
2nd SEMIRAH SPRINGS April 9, 1977
3rd FIRST CHURCH July 9, 1977

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Union Grove May 7, 1977

CTS RALLY

Union Grove August 5, 1977

NEXT ASSOCIATION

Pine Grove October 7 & 8, 1977

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

7:30 p.m.

December 31, 1976 Canaan
April 1, 1977 First Church
July 1, 1977 Friendship
Sept. 30, 1977 Pine Grove

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator Rev. C. B. Baggett
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	YEAR
Fred Crutchfield	Lenox, Al. 36454-1977
Lloyd Saucer	Rt.1, Box 126AZ, Repton, Al. 36475-1978
Rodger Presley	Rt.1, Box 3-A, Perdido, Al. 36562-1979
Jesse Odom	Rt. 4, Brewton, Al. 36426-1980
Bernice Gray	Rt. 1, Box 285, Castleberry, Al. 36432-1981

ORDAINING COUNCIL

	YEAR
Rev. C. B. Baggett	Rt. 1, Castleberry, Al. 36432-1977
Rev. N. W. Carden	Rt. 1, Flomaton, Al. 36441-1978
Rev. Herman Baker	Box 15, Megaregl, Al. 36457-1979
Rev. Clyde Bruley	Star Rt. B, Atmore, Al. 36502-1980
Rev. W. G. Palmer	Rt. 1, Castleberry, Al. 36432-1981

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

	YEAR
Garry Winsett	P. O. Box 571 Bay Minette, Al. 36507-1977
Bernice Gray	Rt. 1, Castleberry, Al. 36432-1978
Rodger Presley	Rt. 1, Perdido, Al. 36562-1979

CTS DIRECTOR

Bernice Gray Rt. 1, Castleberry, Al. 36432

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

Rodger Presley Rt. 1, Perdido, Al. 36562

MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTER'S NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Married	Funerals	Baptized	Revivals	Members Rec'd	Profess. Witness.	MONEY RECEIVED
Rev. C. B. Baggett	1	102	1	1	0	0	0	0	\$4,050.00
Rev. Herman Baker	1	60	0	1	0	0	2	0	2,287.05
Rev. Paul Bailey	0	48	1	0	13	3	0	16	300.00
Rev. Clyde Bruley	1	110	2	2	5	0	7	5	2,425.00
Rev. N. W. Carden	1	109	4	1	3	1	11	11	5,336.80
Rev. H. F. Coleman	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	NONE
Rev. T. E. Downey	1	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,785.00
Rev. P. L. Findley	1	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,080.00
Rev. W. A. Murphy	1	24	1	0	1	0	1	4	210.00
Rev. W. G. Palmer	1	113	0	4	1	2	2	5	6,900.00
Rev. E. F. Sanford	1	100	2	0	0	0	2	15	2,600.00
Rev. Garry Winsett	1	40	0	0	0	0	5	2	510.00

MINISTERS

Rev. C. B. Baggett Rt. 1, Castleberry, Al. 36432
 Rev. Paul Bailey Rt. 1, Box 119-C, Daphne, Al. 36526
 Rev. Herman Baker Box 15, Megargel, Al. 36457
 Rev. Clyde Bruley Star Rt. B, Atmore, Al. 36502
 Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1, Flomaton, Al. 36441
 Rev. H. F. Coleman Rt. 4, Atmore, Al. 36502
 Rev. T. E. Downey Perdido, Al. 36562
 Rev. P. L. Findley Rt. 2, Castleberry, Al. 36432
 Rev. Willis Murphy Rt. 2, Atmore, Al. 36502
 Rev. E. F. Sanford 714 E. Williams, Crestview, Fla. 32536
 Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Castleberry, Al. 36432
 Rev. Garry Winsett P. O. Box 571, Bay Minette, Al. 36507

HONOR ROLL Rev. J. W. Arnette Rev. H. F. Coleman

VISITORS

Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Walker, Jimmy Walker, Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Reiter and family from Mobile, Ala.; Rev. J. T. Long, Flomaton FWB Church; Ottis Lee Wilkinson, Kim Wilkinson, Rev. & Mrs. Woodrow Wilkinson, Linda Pinson, Jennifer Pinson, Matthew Pinson, Betty Harris, Joe Harris, Rev. L. V. Pinson, First Church, Pensacola, Fla. and Earnestine & Mark Gunn, Walnut Hill, Fla.

DELEGATES

APPLETON: Marencia Palmer, John Richburg, Vera Richburg.
 CANAAN: Mae Alice Findley, Ella Nall, Thelma Odom.
 FIRST CHURCH: Lucille Bruley, Betty Randall, Phyliss Aidt.
 FRIENDSHIP: Maxie Bass, Charles Carden, Katie Carden.
 PINE GROVE: Sallie Chafin, Garry Winsett, Patsy Presley.
 RANGE: Elaine Downey, Barbara Baker, Lloyd Saucer.
 SEMIRAH SPRINGS: Ruth Brown, Maiselle Woods, Isabell Woods.
 UNION GROVE: Robert Gray, Barbara Gray, Esther Gray.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1976

The Eighty-Seventh Session of the Liberty No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptists opened with Bro. Jesse Odom directing the song service with Deborah Findley at the piano.

Rev. Willis Murphy welcomed everyone.

Bro. Ivan Stewart brought the Morning Devotional from Psalms 133:1 and Matthews 5:23-24 on "Unity". Also using Luke 13:11-13. Prayer by speaker.

The clerk called the session to order and introduced the officers.

Rev. P. L. Findley, moderator, brought the Moderator's Message from 2 Chronicles and 2 Corinthians 6:17-18. Prayer by speaker.

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us.

Associational Deacons, Bro. Ted Fretwell and Bro. Herbert Cardwell, were appointed by the moderator.

Church letter statistical reports were given out by reading clerks, Rev. C. B. Baggett and Bro. Ivan Stewart.

Ministers' Cards were turned into the clerk.

The moderator asked Bro. Jesse James Odom to stand and read the replacements on the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council, which was voted on at the 3rd Quarterly Meeting, held July 10, 1976 at Union Grove FWB Church to have ready for association in effect of Article 2, page 9 in the 1975 minutes. On the Executive Committee replacements were Bro. Rodger Presley, Bro. Bernice Gray and Bro. Lloyd Saucer. On the Ordaining Council replacements were Rev. Tony Downey and Rev. Paul Bailey. Rev. W. G. Palmer stood and made a motion that this item be tabled until Saturday's session, seconded by Rev. Clyde Bruley. Delegates were read from church letters and seated. A vote on this issue to be tabled was voted on, 23-16.

All stood and took the Right Hand of Christian Fellowship while singing "Amazing Grace."

WORSHIP HOUR

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

An offering of \$29.96 was received.

The Semirah Springs group sang two specials "Is My Lord Satisfied With Me" and "Little Is Much If God Is In It". Prayer by Rev. Tony Downey.

Rev. Clyde Bruley brought the Morning Message on "The Creation" from Genesis 1:1 and John 1:10. Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed for lunch and giving of "Thanks" by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 8, 1976

Assembled back at 1:30 with Rev. Clyde Bruley directing the singing with Mrs. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Bro. Garry Winsett brought the afternoon devotional from Matthew 6:23 and Matthew 5:14-16. All stood in prayer led by Rev. J. T. Long.

The moderator opened the business session by recognizing visitors and corresponding delegates.

Committee reports were given oral: Sis. Barbara Baker requested special prayer for Rev. Thigpen (Bible College). Sis. Morencia Palmer requested special prayer for Rev. Walter Jones' wife and family, who passed away in June (Retirement & Ins.) Liberty No. 1 Home Mission and Alabama State Home Mission Reports forms were passed out by reading clerks. Bro. Ivan Stewart and Rev. W. G. Palmer commended on these and how well our churches had responded to the \$2.50 per member, which \$437.15 was given over its amount per member.

Requests from associational church letters were read, approved and adopted. (1) Range Church requested that Bro. Lloyd Saucer be ordained as a Deacon during this session. (2) Union Grove church requested that Bro. Bernice Gray be ordained as a Deacon on Saturday, Oct. 9, 1976. (3) Appleton church had two letters attached, stating that Bro. Roy Cain and Bro. M. D. Casey resigned as Deacons. (4) Pine Grove Church (a) Requested that Bro. Garry Winsett be ordained as a minister of the Gospel on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. at his church, Pine Grove FWB, Perdido; (b) Request that Bro. Horace Chafin meet with the Ordaining Council for transferrer of Deacon's papers; (c) We ask for a loan of \$4,000.00 from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission money for building an educational building, installment note attached; and (d) Request that Bro. Ken Reiter be ordained as a minister of the Gospel on Saturday night, Nov. 6, at his church, Mobile Mission. Motion made by Rev. W. G. Palmer and seconded by Bro. Guy Milstid.

Ministers' cards were read, approved and adopted. Motion made by Rev. N. W. Carden, seconded by Rev. W. G. Palmer.

SUGGESTIONS

ADOPTED

1. Suggest that when a motion is made, that before the motion is voted on, that it be written out by clerk or person presenting, as it will appear in the minutes, so there will be no misunderstanding about the motion at latter times. (T. Downey)

(Motion made by Bro. Guy Milstid, seconded by Rev. N. W. Carden)

MOTION WITHDRAWN

2. ARTICLE NO. 2, SECTION 29 - The Executive Committee shall be composed of five (5) members elected from Liberty No. 1 Association. The Executive Committee is the official body of Liberty No. 1 Association when not in session. The Executive Committee shall transact any business that arise when Liberty No. 1 Association is not in session. (J. Odom)

(Instead)

ADOPTED

The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the association when the association is not in session as delegated by the association on non-legislative matters. (H. Baker)

(Motion made by Rev. N. W. Carden, seconded by Rev. W. G. Palmer)

ADOPTED

3. Suggest that the Asst. Moderator be elected separately from the moderator. (T. Downey)

TABLED (Until Saturday Session)

4. AS TO THE RULES - ARTICLE NO. 2, SECTION 8 to be changed to read as follows: Ministers Cards will be dated to expire on Oct. 31 of each year. The Ordaining Council will examine cards. At their approval ministers will receive a new card. (J. Odom)

(Motion made by F. Crutchfield, seconded by T. Downey)

(Voted For - 9, Against - 30)

NOT CARRIED

5. Suggest we, Liberty No. 1 Association, have another Layman's Retreat. (Board of Christian Education)

ADOPTED

6. On church letters, resident and non-resident members to be changed to read Active and In-Active Members. (Sis. E. Gray)

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. C. B. Baggett.

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 8, 1976

Rev. P. L. Findley, moderator, presided. Song service began at 7 o'clock with Bro. Ted Fretwell directing the singing with Sis. W. G. Palmer at the piano.

The moderator read from Romans 6:7-8. Prayer by Bro. Fred Crutchfield.

BUSINESS - SUGGESTION

(Item to be laid on Table)

7. Any rotating Board Member who does not actively attend all Quarterly and Annual Associational Meetings or give notice of reason for not being present on or before meeting date be automatically removed at said meeting and be temporarily replaced until annual association by the body of delegates present at said meeting.

(Palmer, Baker, Winsett)

(Voted 38 For - 1 Against)

Special music was provided by the Perdido Quartet, "He Restoreth My Soul".

Rev. Tony Downey brought the Evening Message, "Separation" from 2 Corinthians 6:11-18. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Palmer.

Dismissed in prayer by speaker. Moderator called session dismissed until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1976

Bro. Ted Fretwell opened by directing the song service with Sis. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Bro. Greg Bruley brought the Morning Devotion from 1 Peter 4:3-4, 1 Peter 2:11-15. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Palmer.

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

Bro. Ivan Stewart was re-elected to serve a trustee to the Children's Home for another 2-year term.

No. 4 of the suggestions was tabled at this time, also other suggestions until the afternoon session.

WORSHIP HOUR

The Worship Hour began at 11 o'clock with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing the song service with Sis. Stewart at the piano.

Special music was provided by Bro. & Sis. Pinson from Pensacola, "Each Step I Take" and by Rev. & Sis. W. G. Palmer.

An offering of \$31.00 was received.

Rev. Kenneth Walker, Mobile Church, gave an oral report of the Mobile Church and recognized Bro. John Richburg and Bro. Rodger Presley for their work on the Mobile Church, prior to his message. His text was on "Now Is The Time", from Ecclesiastes 3:1-9. Other scriptures-Galatians 4:4-5, Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Romans 13:11-14, Revelation 3:15-16. Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 9, 1976

Assembled back at 1:30 with Rev. Kenneth Walker directing the song service with Sis. Ivan Stewart at the piano.

Bro. Ken Reiter from the Mobile Church, brought the devotion from John 10:1-1

Special music by Bro. Pinson, "When I've Gone The Last Mile Of The Way".

The moderator opened the final business session.

MORE SUGGESTIONS

NOT CARRIED

8. Association to have a Sunday School Clinic.

CARRIED 100 Percent

9. Constitution of the Liberty No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptist be taken off the table and final vote of item by item.

APPROVED

10. We recommend that Bro. Garry Winsett be licensed for the remaining of 1 year to be fulfilled by the 3rd Quarterly Meeting. We the ordaining council endorse him as pastor of Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church and offer him any assistance he might require. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Ken Reiter to the ministry. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Bernice Gray as deacon of Union Grove FWB Church. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Lloyd Saucer as deacon of Range FWB Church.

(Submitted by: Rev. W. G. Palmer, Rev. Tony Downey, Rev. Clyde Bruley, Rev. E. F. Sanford and Rev. H. E. Baker.)

ORDAINATION

Bro. Bernice Gray, deacon, Union Grove and Bro. Lloyd Saucer, deacon, Range were ordained as a Deacon. Rev. Herman Baker read scripture from 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Rev. W. G. Palmer prayed the ordination prayer for Bro. Gray and Rev. Tony Downey prayed the ordination prayer for Bro. Saucer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

APPROVED

11. We, the Executive Committee, suggest that Rev. Floyd Coleman be placed on the Honor Roll, because of his health.

APPROVED

12. We, your Executive Committee, return the Ministers' ID Cards back to the floor for delegates to examine and issue new cards if desired.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

13. Delegates to State Meeting: Gwen Stewart, Mamie Lou Palmer, Garry Winsett, Becky Winsett, Marencia Palmer, Ruth Brown and Isabell Wood.

14. Pay Executive Committee 10c mile for travel expense from 3rd Quarterly Meeting.

15. Election of new officers (See Page 2).

16. We recommend that the Youth Rallies be held monthly and that the present youth director serve out his term.

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

Motion and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Tony Downey.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS

FIRST MEETING:

Was held January 10, 1976 at Canaan Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. Voted and approved loan to Appleton Church, amount \$4,000.00, payable \$125.00 per month for building program.

2. Committee reports to be given oral on active things (Not repeated on forms).

3. CTS & SS directors to be placed under "Officers & Directors" in minutes.

TABLED

4. Youth Director and Rallies to be held quarterly (Tabled until next Quarterly Meeting - April, 1976)

SECOND MEETING:

Was held April 10, 1976 at Pine Grove Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. Youth Rally to be held June 5 (2-4) at Union Grove.

2. Associational Baccalaureate Service to be held May 24 at Appleton Church. Bibles to be bought out of associational fund, not to go over \$15.00

each. (Note:) This was cancelled at Sunday School Convention, May 1, due to graduates' graduation dates varying.

3. Youth Director and Rallies brought off table. Moved and voted to put back on table until Annual Association Meeting.

4. Motion made by Rev. C. B. Baggett for Articles 1-4 be brought off the table.

THIRD MEETING:

Was held July 10, 1976 at Union Grove.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. CTS money be transferred to the associational general treasurer.

2. 2 percent out of the 10 percent money to go into the associational treasurer each quarter, effective Oct. 1976.

3. (A) From Associational Minutes of 1975, page 9, article No. 2, a vote of 12-10 was taken in order to have a 100 percent committee to help carry on its respective job. A letter of notification to this effect to be written and sent to the following: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (1) Bro. Douglas Carden (2) Bro. Jimmie Smith (3) Bro. Ted Fretwell and ORDAINING COUNCIL (4) Rev. H. F. Coleman (5) Rev. N. W. Carden.

(Copy of letter)

August 9, 1976

Castleberry, Alabama

Liberty No. 1 Association
Phelan L. Findley, Moderator

Dear Brother:

In accordance with item 2 under suggestions adopted and action taken at the Third Quarterly Meeting, I wish to notify you have been taken off of your respective positions and will be replaced at the association. This is done in brotherly love in hope of getting active members in these important positions that we might serve our Lord better and grow both spiritually and in numbers.

I am hoping and trusting you will receive this in love.

Your servant in the Lord,
Phelan L. Findley (Sig.)

(b) A nominating committee, consisting of the moderator, Rev. P. L. Findley, Bro. Fred Crutchfield and Bro. Jesse Odom to have placements on these committees at the annual associational meeting, Oct. 1976.

4. Rev. J. T. Long was replaced on Liberty No. 1 Home Mission by Rev. W. G. Palmer.

5. Motion made by Bro. Herbert Cardwell for Article 5 of the Constitution to be brought off the table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The 1976 Session of Liberty No. 1 Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was held at Semirah Springs Church at Uriah, Alabama, May 1, 1976. Bro. Rodger Presley presiding.

BUSINESS: Reading of the minutes of 1975 convention, with a treasure report. This was approved by the body. A suggestion by Bro. Rodger Presley to put Sunday School money in the Association General Fund, and if any Sunday school Convention expense occurred, the expense to be paid out of the Association General Fund. This was voted on and approved.

Bro. Rodger Presley was re-elected for a second year as Association Sunday School Supt.

The offering taken was \$29.54. For special song service, Rev. Ray Ritch from Birmingham, sung two songs, "Leading Me", "He Will Say Well Done". Rev. Ritch brought the morning message taken from the theme.

Lunch was served by the host church, Semirah Springs.

Presentation of programs were given at the afternoon session.

1976 CTS RALLY

The CTS Rally was held at Semirah Springs FWB Church on Friday night, August 6, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.

Song service was led by Bro. Ted Fretwell. An offering of \$29.66 was received.

Devotion and prayer was by Bro. Ted Fretwell from Luke 5:27. Each church presented a very good program.

Bro. Bernice Gray gave the treasurer's report: Cash on hand \$130.76, plus offering of \$29.66, making a total of \$160.42.

Closing prayer was by Bro. Carden. Then adjourned for refreshments served by Semirah Springs Church.

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasurer 10-9-75 \$10,004.98

Plus Deposits (10 percent money)

January 387.81

April 365.90

July 361.88

October 323.61

1,446.61

1,446.61

Interest 128.81

Less:

State Meeting (Ads & Flowers) (121.50)

Balance in treasurer 10-8-76 \$11,458.90

LESS NOTES:

Appleton \$3,000.00

First Church 1,831.89

Friendship 1,375.00

Total Notes: \$6,206.89

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Total in bank 10-8-76 \$5,252.01

CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

From experience we, the members of Liberty Number 1 Association of Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and members of Churches in this Liberty Number 1 Association and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us; to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us; to unify the work of the various Churches composing the Liberty Number 1 Association; and to devise and executer measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in cooperation with the various Churches of the Association, or that may be hereafter represented therein, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better Associational Government.

Article I

NAME

This Association shall be known as the, "Liberty Number 1 Association of Free Will Baptist."

Article II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in Liberty Number 1 Association shall be based upon Churches who after examination as to their faith and practice are found to believe in the doctrine of the Bible as outlined in our National Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptist, and who make written request to this Association for membership.

Section 2. The Officers of Liberty Number 1 Association shall be a moderator, asst. moderator, clerk, asst. clerk, and treasurer. And shall be elected by the Association at regular session. All boards and committees shall be elected by the Association and shall serve as directed by Association.

Article III

The Libery Number 1 Association adopt the National Treatise of Free Will Baptist as our rule of faith and practice.

Article IV

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 an Associational Church desires that one of its members should be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel, it requests the Quarterly Meeting or Association to examine by council, such member. And upon approval of council, the Association shall grant the proper papers to the candidate.

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 his church appear before this council for ordination.

Section 9. Every Minister of Liberty Number 1 Association shall be a member of an active church, and in good standing with the church in this Association.

Section 10. The Officers and their duties in the local church shall be as outlines in National Treatise Page 47, Chapter 1. "The Local Church."

Article V

Section 1. 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 2. Each Church send a Sunday School report to Clerk of Sunday School Convention in May and bring a program.

Section 3. Suggest that old and disabled Ministers be placed on Honor Roll and receive life time identification card.

Section 4. Each Church send a maximum of 3 elected delegates to represent their church.

Section 5. The host church for any meeting of Liberty Number 1 Association, shall have a program outline and send one to associational clerk 3 weeks in advance of meeting. Associational Clerk shall send a program outline to all churches and all persons on the program.

Section 6. No church shall use a Minister or Deacon with more than one living wife and whose wife has more than one living husband and be in good standing with this Association.

Section 7. No Minister belonging to Liberty Number 1 Association shall pastor a church of another denomination.

Section 8. We recommend the church to support their Pastor to such a degree that he may devote himself to full time ministry of the Gospel when financially possible.

Section 9. The Executive Committee will examine all church letters and upon their approval letters will be read and delegates seated. For traveling Executive Committee will be paid 10c per mile by the Association.

Section 10. (A) The Liberty Number 1 Home Missions money can be loaned to churches at no interest. Proper paper work will be done by Church requesting the loan and paid for by the church. (B) Two Board Members must sign for money to be withdrawn from bank. (C) Loans and paper work must be approved by Liberty Number 1 Association or Quarterly Meeting before money is let out.

Section 11. The Moderator to be paid \$30.00, Clerk paid \$50.00 and Asst. Clerk paid \$10.00.

Section 12. We recommend each church to encourage their pastor to attend the State Association if possible and pay his expenses.

Section 13. The Associational offering will go to the host church for associational expenses.

Section 14. No Boards or Committees shall meet during the Business Session of this Association.

Section 15. 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 20%; and LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION HOME MISSION 25%.

Section 16. 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 17. Board of Christian Education. This Board shall be composed of three members elected by the Association serving a three year term. One member shall be elected each year. The duties of this Board shall be: 1. To plan and promote Christian Education in the Association such as: (A) Ministers and Deacons Retreat. (B) Laymans Institutes. (C) Bible Conferences.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PLUS DEPOSITS:

1. 1st Quarterly Meeting.....	\$ 34.20	
2. 2nd Quarterly Meeting.....	24.77	
3. 3rd Quarterly Meeting.....	25.42	
TOTAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS.....	\$ 84.39	
4. 10% Money.....	Appleton.....	\$1,932.06
	Canaan.....	464.57
	First Church.....	403.00
	Friendship.....	1,036.38
	Pine Grove.....	437.81
	Range.....	376.28
	Semirah Springs.....	479.47
	Union Grove.....	683.61
TOTAL 10% Money.....		\$5,813.18
5. Associational Fees.....	\$ 200.00	
6. Associational Offering.....	60.96	
7. Laymen's Retreat.....	382.00	
8. Bulletins & Stamps Refund.....	5.71	
9. Special Offering for Ken Walker.....	50.00	
10. Transfer of S. S. Convention Money.....	80.17	
11. Transfer of CTS Money.....	130.76	
12. CTS Offering.....	29.66	
TOTAL DEPOSITS.....	\$6,836.83	\$6,836.83
GRAND TOTAL.....		\$7,065.44

MINUS EXPENSES:

1. FWB Children's Home.....	\$ 867.93	
2. FWB Retirement & Insurance.....	578.64	
3. FWB Bible College.....	578.64	
4. FWB Foreign Mission.....	578.64	
5. Ala. FWB Home Mission.....	1,157.26	
6. FWB Nat'l Home Mission.....	578.64	
7. Liberty No. 1 Home Mission.....	1,446.61	
8. Supplies & Stamps.....	60.49	
9. Laymen's Retreat.....	617.50	
10. Rev. Kenneth Walker.....	50.00	
11. Officers Fees.....	90.00	
12. Semirah Springs FWB Church.....	60.96	
13. Ala. State Fees.....	80.00	
14. Telephone Calls.....	3.18	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$6,748.49	\$6,748.49
Balance in treasurer 10/9/76.....		\$ 316.95

Signed Mrs. Ivan L. Stuart
Clerk

STATISTICAL EXPENDITURE REPORT - 1976

OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	10 Percent Money Paid Out	APPLETON	CANAAN	FIRST CHURCH	FRIENDSHIP	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTAL:
10% Money		1932.06	464.57	403.00	1036.38	437.81	376.28	479.47	683.61	\$ 5,813.18
Children's Home	867.93		80.38			78.15		56.10	16.67	1,099.23
Bible College	578.64									578.64
Retirement & Ins.	578.64							15.00	10.10	603.74
MISSIONS										
Liberty No. 1	1446.61									1,446.61
Home	578.64							25.00	16.02	619.66
State	1157.26	78.04				65.92	93.98	25.00	41.58	1,461.78
Foreign	578.64							15.00	30.00	623.64
Project "500"						25.02				25.02
LOCAL EXPENDITURES										
Pastor's Salary		6740.00	2020.00	2400.00	5151.78	1705.00	1785.00	2600.00	4050.00	26,451.78
Evangelistic		100.00	240.00		250.00			250.00	125.00	965.00
Literature		952.74	256.60	287.37	473.70	222.31	204.96	237.99	403.84	3,039.51
Bus Expense		153.77								153.77
Bldg. & Repair		12746.38	849.77	483.76		2316.53	2929.12	203.74	148.22	19,677.52
Miscellaneous		2197.89	881.51	297.32	3324.20	917.64	254.74	664.66	568.91	9,106.87
Other		100.00		22.06	1500.00	648.93		330.00	125.00	2,725.99
Assoc. Fees		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	200.00
Assoc. Treas - 2%	26.82									26.82
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN		19320.64	4907.10	4024.46	10363.80	5968.36	4072.13	4795.66	7337.33	\$60,789.48

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 1976

	APPLETON	CANAAN	FIRST CHURCH	FRIENDSHIP	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTAL:
MEMBERS RECEIVED	2	0	7	11	6	0	0	0	26
Baptism	1		5	3					9
Letter			2	8	3				13
Conf. Faith Assoc.	1				2				3
DISMISSED	3	2	0	1	4	0	0	1	11
Letter Excluded	2	1		1	2				6
• Deceased	1	1			2			1	5
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	127	94	41	108	28	26	58	61	543
Resident	122	26	38	71	21	26	47	61	412
Non-Resident	5	68	3	37	7		11		131
DEPART. MEMBERS									
Sunday School	85	25	34	82	34	19	44	22	345
CTS	58	25	0	65	22	0	35	22	227
Auxiliary	0	8	0	12	0	8	18	8	54
Master's Men	8	0	0	13	0	5	0	4	30
Mid-week Service	30	20	11	25	16	8	0	18	128

- A. J. Barnes, age 86, member Appleton, died 11/28/75.
- Amos Summerlin, age unknown, member Canaan, died 7/76.
- Alice Wright, age 89, member Pine Grove, died 3/26/76.
- B. T. Turner, age 73, Deacon Pine Grove, died 3/28/76.
- Henry T. Gray, age 74, Layman Union Grove, died 8/30/76.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

CHURCH & PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	PASTOR	CLERK	TIME & CLERK'S TELEPHONE
APPLETON 966-2371	Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Box 287 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Edna Cain Rt. 2 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Full
CANAAN 966-5425	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. Essie Coleman Rt. 4, Box 373 Atmore, Ala. 36502	Full (904) 369-6183
FRIENDSHIP 296-3621	Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1, Box 152 Flomaton, Ala. 36441	Mrs. Irma Turner Rt. 1, Box 157 Flomaton, Ala. 36441	Full 296-2219
PINE GROVE 937-2524	Rev. Garry Winsett P. O. Box 571 Bay Minette, Ala. 36507	Mrs. Melba Crnarich Rt. 1, Perdido, Ala. 36562	Full 937-6394
RANGE 937-5967	Rev. T. E. Downey P. O. Box 91 Perdido, Ala. 36562	Mrs. Ruth Crutchfield Rt. 1 Range, Ala. 36473	Full 248-2224
SEMIRAH SPRINGS 862-2338	Rev. W. A. Murphy Rt. 2 Atmore, Ala. 36502	Mrs. Isabell Woods Rt. 1, Box 237 Uriah, Ala. 36480	Full
UNION GROVE 966-2374	Rev. C. B. Baggett Rt. 1, Box 212-A Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Berneice Benefield Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Full

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 Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the 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, 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 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 our Lord Jesus Christ.