

88th Session

of

Liberty No. 1 Association

of

Free Will Baptist

1977 Minutes

- MINUTES -
OF THE
EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE
LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
PINE GROVE CHURCH
PERDIDO, ALA.
OCTOBER 7 & 8, 1977

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st PINE GROVE January 7, 1978
2nd SEMIRAH SPRINGS April 8, 1978
3rd FRIENDSHIP July 8, 1978

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Appleton May 6, 1978

CTS RALLY

Appleton August 4, 1978

NEXT ASSOCIATION

Union Grove October 6 & 7, 1978

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

December 30, 1977 Range
March 31, 1978 Semirah Springs
June 30, 1978 Union Grove
Sept. 29, 1978 Appleton

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator Rev. C. B. Baggett
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LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

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BOARD MEMBERS: Rev. C. B. Baggett & Rev. W. G. Palmer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

YEAR

Ivan I. Stewart P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Ala. 36562-1978
Rodger Presley Rt. 1, Box 3-A, Perdido, Ala. 36562-1979
Ted Fretwell Rt. 1, Box 248G, Uriah, Ala. 36480-1980
Bernice Gray Rt. 1, Box 285, Castleberry, Ala. 36432-1981
Fred Crutchfield Range, Ala. 36454-1982

ORDAINING COUNCIL

YEAR

Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala. 36441-1978
Rev. Tony Downey Perdido, Ala. 36562-1979
Rev. Clyde Bruley Star Rt. B, Atmore, Ala. 36502-1980
Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. 36432-1981
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BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YEAR

Bernice Gray Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. 36432-1978
Rodger Presley Rt. 1, Perdido, Ala. 36432-1979
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CTS DIRECTOR

Bernice Gray Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. 36432

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

Rodger Presley Rt. 1, Perdido, Ala. 36562

YOUTH MEETINGS

October 17, 1977 UNION GROVE 7:30 P.M.
November 26, 1977 SEMIRAH SPRINGS 7:00 P.M.
December 17, 1977 APPLETON 7:00 P.M.
January 21, 1978 PINE GROVE 7:00 P.M.
February 18, 1978 UNION GROVE 7:00 P.M.
March 18, 1978 RANGE 7:00 P.M.
April 15, 1978 OPEN 7:00 P.M.
May 20, 1978 PINE GROVE 7:30 P.M.
June 17, 1978 OPEN 7:30 P.M.
July 15, 1978 OPEN 7:30 P.M.
August 19, 1978 SEMIRAH SPRINGS 7:30 P.M.
Sept. 16, 1978 APPLETON 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH

YOUTH DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES

Appleton Larry Lynn
P. O. Box 711
Brewton, Ala. 36426

First Church

Friendship

Pine Grove Marlo Ledlow
Route 1, Box 154
Perdido, Ala. 36562

Range Fred Crutchfield
Range, Ala. 36454

Semirah Springs Betty Fretwell
Route 1, Box 248G
Uriah, Ala. 36480

Union Grove Annie Jo Baggett
Route 1, Box 212-A
Castleberry, Ala. 36432

MINISTERS' REPORT

| MINISTER'S NAME | Sermons Preached | Churches Pastored | Revivals | Prof. Wit | Baptized | Members Rec'd. | Funerals | Married | MONEY RECEIVED |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Rev. C. B. Baggett | 100 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4,090.00 |
| Rev. Clyde Bruley | 160 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2,925.00 |
| Rev. T. E. Downey | 140 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,820.00 |
| Rev. W. A. Murphy | 104 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2,650.00 |
| Rev. W. G. Palmer | 171 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 7,420.00 |
| Rev. Garry Winsett | 145 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3,180.00 |
| Rev. N. W. Carden | 105 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4,947.17 |

MINISTERS

Rev. C. B. Baggett Rt. 1, Box 212-A, Castleberry, Ala. 36432
 Rev. Clyde Bruley Star Rt. B, Atmore, Ala. 36502
 Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala. 36441
 Rev. T. E. Downey Perdido, Ala. 36562
 Rev. W. A. Murphy Rt. 2, Atmore, Ala. 36502
 Rev. W. G. Palmer Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. 36432
 Rev. E. F. Sanford 714 E. Williams, Crestview, Fla. 32536
 Rev. Garry Winsett Rt. 3, Box 325-A, Bay Minette, Ala. 36507

HONOR ROLL: Rev. J. W. Arnette

DELEGATES

Appleton: Sylvia Cain, Morencia Palmer, Vera Richburg.
 First Church: Lucille Bruley.
 Friendship: Ruthie Mae Carden, Maxie Bass, Katie Carden.
 Pine Grove: Becky Winsett, Kent Stewart, Faye Milstid.
 Range: Sena Hall, Elaine Downey, Ruth Crutchfield.
 Semirah Springs: Ruth Brown, Maiselle Woods, Isabell Woods.
 Union Grove: Robert Gray, Mamie L. Palmer, Barbara Gray.

VISITORS

Rev. L. V. Pinson, First FWB Church, Pensacola; Leemon May, Church of God, Perdido; Sis. Nall, Canaan; Rev. & Mrs. R. C. Wiggins, Jr., Christian Home, McDavid, Fla.; and Rev. Kenneth Walker, Mobile Church, Mobile.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 7, 1977

The Eighty-eighth Session of the Liberty No. 1 Association of FWB opened with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing the song service with Mrs. Stewart at the piano and their son, Kent, at the organ.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Willis Murphy.

A very warm welcome was given by Rev. Garry Winsett, Pastor of Pine grove Church.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. W. G. Palmer from Eph. 1:4-16.

Rev. C. B. Baggett, Moderator, called the session to order for business.

Rev. L. V. Pinson of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., was welcomed and invited to sit with us.

Bro. Ivan Stewart was appointed by the Moderator as the Associational Deacon.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept church letters.

Statistical reports prepared from church letters were given out by the reading clerks.

Ministers' cards were turned in for examination by the Executive Committee.

All stood and took the Right Hand of Christian Fellowship.

— WORSHIP HOUR —

The 11 o'clock service opened with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing the song service.

An offering of \$20.35 was received.

The Perdido Quartet sang two specials before Rev. Clyde Bruley brought the message on "The Jordan River." Scripture reading was found in Matt. 3:13-17.

Dismissed with prayer for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7, 1977

Assembled back in Session at 1 o'clock with Bro. Ivan Stewart opening the song service with "Saved by the Blood". Prayer by Rev. N. W. Carden.

Sis. Kent Stewart sang a special, "Learning to Lean."

Rev. Willis Murphy brought the afternoon devotion from 1 John 1:7-9.

Church letters were read and delegates seated.

Ministers' cards were read and approved. It was recommended by the Executive Committee that new cards be given to ministers.

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 7, 1977

Rev. Garry Winsett, Pastor of Pine Grove Church, presided. Bro. Ivan Stewart began the song service with "Saved by the Blood."

Prayer by Bro. E. J. Gray.

Special music was provided by the Perdido Quartet, "A friend I can tell my troubles to" and "Beautiful City of Gold."

Rev. N. W. Carden brought the Evening Message, "Preach the Word", scripture reading from Mark 2:1-2.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1977

Bro. Ivan Stewart opened the second day of session with hymn No. 104, "Saved by the Blood."

Prayer by Rev. Willis Murphy.

Rev. W. G. Palmer brought the morning devotion from Matt. 14:31 and Matt. 16:5-12, "O ye of Little faith."

The morning session was opened by the Moderator recognizing visitors and seating the delegates.

Committee reports were given oral: Sis. Thelma Wiggins gave a report on her visit to the Bible College. Request was made for silent prayer for the bereaved.

The Board of Christian Education presented trophies to Range and First Church, who were the winners of the Senior and Junior Bible Bowl competition in the Youth Meetings during this past year.

The Clerk's report was distributed for information. It was accepted as given.

— WORSHIP HOUR —

The Worship Hour began at 11 o'clock with Bro. Ivan Stewart directing "Saved by the Blood."

Special Music was provided by the Perdido Quartet and a special solo was sung by Sis. Kent Stewart.

An offering of \$25.44 was received.

Our guest speaker, Rev. R. C. Wiggins, Jr., Pastor of Christian Home FWB Church, McDavid, Fla. The message, "Confession" was brought from 1 John 1:8-10; Ex. 9:27; and Numbers 24:22. Prayer by speaker.

Dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 8, 1977

Assembled back at 1 o'clock with singing "Saved by the Blood". Prayer by Bro. Bernice Gray.

Rev. Kenneth Walker, Mobile Church, gave an oral report on the work in Mobile and brought the afternoon devotion from Acts 20:28 and Rev. 1:5-6.

After the devotion, time was given for special prayer request. Prayer by Rev. Clyde Bruley.

The moderator presided over the final business session.

Bro. Ivan Stewart gave an oral report on Liberty No. 1 Home Mission.

THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WERE PASSED:

1. Suggestion made that Youth Directors' names and addresses be listed in the minutes.

2. Suggestion made to send Gregg Bruley \$100 each semester for financial support while in the Bible College.

A motion was made that 3 percent of the 10 percent Bible College Funds be designated to Gregg Bruley. Amount not to be less than \$200 per year. Motion passed.

3. Suggestion made to purchase movie projector, screen and take-up reels.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase projector, screen and reels from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission and cost of films be made from

Associational Treasure.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to appoint committee to make up rules on handling of projector and to have rules printed for approval at next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to appoint Home Mission Board to serve on this committee.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED:

Executive Committee Fred Crutchfield
Ordaining Council Rev. C. B. Baggett
Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Ivan Stewart
Board of Christian Education Rev. Garry Winsett
Moderator Rev. C. B. Baggett
Ass Moderator Rev. W. G. Palmer
Clerk Mrs. C. B. Baggett
Asst. Clerk Mrs. Ivan Stewart

Delegates to State Meeting: Gwen Stewart, Isabell Woods, Ruth Brown, Morencia Palmer, Mamie Lou Palmer, and Becky Winsett.

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

Motion and second to adjourn.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS

FIRST MEETING:

Was held January 8, 1977, at Friendship Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

1. Rev. Tony Downey replaced Bro. aker on the Ordaining Council.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to change Rule No. 7, on Page No. 7 of 1976 Associational Minutes, To elect officers at Association. (Motion tabled until Second Quarterly Meeting.)
3. Bro. Ivan Stewart replaced Bro. Lloyd Saucer on the Executive Committee. Bro. Ted Fretwell replaced Bro. Jessie J. Odom on the Executive Committee.
4. Approval of loan from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission to Pine Grove (\$4,000) and Friendship (\$4,000).

SECOND MEETING:

Was held April 9, 1977, at Semirah Springs Church.

SUGGESTION TABLED: When a man is ordained and separated unto God for a specific work, he must be above reproach; therefore, it shall be the policy of this association that no man will be approved for ordination who uses any form of tobacco. This resolution shall be effective from the date of adoption forward and is not intended to be retroactive.

Rule No. 7 of 1976 Associational Minutes was brought off table and it was voted unanimously to disregard this item.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect all officers at the Association.

THIRD MEETING:

Was held July 9, 1977, at First Church of Atmore.

1. Rev. Garry Winsett was ordained to the Ministry.
2. A motion was made to remove from table the following resolution: When a man is ordained and separated unto God for a specific work, he must be above reproach; therefore, it shall be the policy of this Association that no man will be approved for ordination who uses any form of tobacco. This resolution shall be effective from the date of adoption forward and is not intended to be retroactive. This resolution was defeated.

CTS RALLY

The CTS Rally was held at Union Grove Church on Friday night, August 5, 1977, at 7:30 P.M.

Rev. C. B. Baggett, Pastor, welcomed each one.

Bro. E. J. Gray led the singing.

Rev. W. G. Palmer brought the devotion. Prayer by Rev. Clyde Bruley.

Each church present gave a good program. An offering of \$20.67 was received. Closing prayer was by Rev. C. B. Baggett.

Refreshments were served by the Host Church.

Bernice M. Gray

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 1977 Session of Liberty No. 1 Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was held at Union Grove Church at Castleberry, Alabama on May 7, 1977, Bro. Rodger Presley presiding.

BUSINESS

Reading of the minutes of the 1976 Convention by Bro. Michael Gray. The minutes were approved as read. The offering received was \$15.73. At least 101 people attended the 76 Convention. Special notation was given to Friendship Church for the most Sunday School members gained in 1976-77. Programs were presented by each church along with a fine message by Rev. Carden.

I wish to thank Bro. Michael Gray for his assistance with the minutes and a "Thank You", to Union Grove for the good hospitality.

The next Sunday School Convention will be held at Appleton Free Will Baptist Church on May 6, 1978.

Rodger D. Presley

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PLUS DEPOSITS (10 Percent Money)

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| January | 303.60 | |
| April | 291.80 | |
| July | 316.43 | |
| October | 296.52 | |
| | <u>\$1,208.35</u> | 1,208.35 |

Interest

Balance in treasurer 10-4-77 \$12,931.09

LESS NOTES:

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Appleton | \$1,500.00 | |
| First Church | 1,291.89 | |
| Friendship | 3,875.00 | |
| Pine Grove | 4,000.00 | |
| Total Notes: | <u>\$10,666.89</u> | \$10,666.89 |

Total in Bank 10-4-77 \$ 2,264.20

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasurer 10-9-76 \$ 316.95

PLUS DEPOSITS:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 1st Quarterly Meeting | \$ 24.43 |
| 2. 2nd Quarterly Meeting | 27.18 |
| 3. 3rd Quarterly Meeting | 27.03 |
| TOTAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS | <u>78.64</u> |
| 4. 10 Percent Money Appleton | 1,376.38 |
| First Church | 473.37 |
| Friendship | 939.70 |
| Pine Grove | 632.57 |
| Range | 248.55 |
| Semirah Springs ... | 505.99 |
| Union Grove | <u>755.51</u> |

TOTAL 10 Percent MONEY \$4,932.07

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 5. Associational Fees | 175.00 |
| 6. Youth Fund-Appleton | 82.52 |
| 7. Youth Meetings | 285.39 |
| 8. S. S. Convention Offering | 16.27 |
| 9. CTS Offering | 20.67 |
| 10. Treatises Sold | <u>18.10</u> |

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$5,608.66

GRAND TOTAL \$5,925.61

MINUS EXPENSES:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. FWB Children's Home | \$ 725.01 |
| 2. FWB Retirement & Insurance | 483.35 |
| 3. FWB Bible College | 483.35 |
| 4. FWB Foreign Missions | 483.35 |
| 5. Ala. FWB Home Mission | 966.68 |
| 6. FWB Nat. Home Mission | 483.35 |
| 7. Liberty No. 1 Home Mission | 1,208.35 |
| 8. Supplies & Stamps | 60.47 |
| 9. Youth Meetings | 259.98 |
| 10. Officers' Fees | 90.00 |
| 11. Repairs-Mimeograph Machine | 44.00 |
| 12. Ala. State Fees | 70.00 |
| 13. Telephone Calls | <u>8.28</u> |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$5,366.17

Balance in Treasurer 10-6-77 \$ 559.44

Youth Meetings:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Money Received | \$285.39 |
| Paid Out | -259.98 |
| Balance | <u>\$ 25.41</u> |

ANNIE JO BAGGETT
Clerk

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 execute 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 Liberty 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.

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 1977

| | APPLETON | FIRST CHURCH | FRIENDSHIP | PINE GROVE | RANGE | SEMIRAH SPRINGS | UNION GROVE | TOTAL: |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|--------|
| MEMBERS RECEIVED | 14 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 25 |
| Baptism | 7 | | | 3 | | | 2 | 12 |
| Letter | 5 | | | 1 | | 4 | | 10 |
| Conf. FAith | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| DISMISSED | 46 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 0 | | 73 | 133 |
| Letter | 5 | 5 | | 5 | | | | 15 |
| Excluded | 39 | | | | | | 73 | 112 |
| *Deceased | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 6 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | 97 | 39 | 107 | 25 | 26 | 59 | 29 | 382 |
| Active | 96 | 33 | 70 | 20 | 26 | 49 | 22 | 316 |
| In-Active | 1 | 6 | 37 | 5 | | 10 | 7 | 66 |
| DEPART. MEMBERS | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday School | 67 | 21 | 77 | 28 | 18 | 41 | 32 | 284 |
| CTS | 39 | | 65 | 22 | | 27 | 30 | 183 |
| Auxiliary | 18 | | 15 | | 9 | 16 | 10 | 68 |
| Master's Men | 5 | | 11 | | 4 | | 6 | 26 |
| Mid-Week Service | 30 | 10 | 36 | 10 | 1 | 12 | 25 | 124 |

* Rufus Wilson, age 80, member Appleton, died 4-7-77.

Henry Wilson, age 90, member Appleton, died 8-21-77.

Lucian Carden, age 64, member Friendship, died 12-8-76.

HoraCE Chafin, age 60, member Pine Grove, died 1-11-77.

Maggie Whittington, age 63, member Pine Grove, died 3-11-77.

Manford Woods, age 81, member Semirah Springs, died 5-29-77.

STATISTICAL EXPENDITURE REPORT - 1977

| | 10 Percent MONEY | APPLETON | FIRST CHURCH | FRIENDSHIP | PINE GROVE | RANGE | SEMIRAH SPRINGS | UNION GROVE | TOTAL: |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Percent Money | 4,932.07 | 1,376.38 | 473.37 | 939.70 | 632.57 | 248.55 | 505.99 | 755.51 | 4,932.07 |
| Children's Home | 725.01 | | 17.00 | 30.00 | 5.59 | | 30.28 | | 807.88 |
| Bible College | 483.35 | | | | | | | | 483.35 |
| Ret. & Ins. | 483.35 | | | | | | | | 483.35 |
| Assoc. Treas. | 98.63 | | | | | | | | 98.63 |
| Youth Fund | | 82.52 | | | | | | | 82.52 |
| MISSIONS: | | | | | | | | | |
| Liberty No. 1 Assoc. | 1208.35 | | | | | | | | 1,208.35 |
| Home Mission | 483.35 | | | | | | 53.00 | | 536.35 |
| State Home Mission | 966.68 | 22.00 | | | 86.89 | 38.75 | 55.00 | 36.64 | 1,205.96 |
| Foreign Missions | 483.35 | | | | | | 25.00 | | 508.35 |
| LOCAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | |
| Pastor's Salary | | 7,020.00 | 2,700.00 | 4,822.17 | 3,180.00 | 1,785.00 | 2,650.00 | 4,095.00 | 26,252.17 |
| Evangelist | | 441.20 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 150.00 | 100.00 | 225.00 | 100.00 | 1,216.20 |
| Literature | | 620.09 | 251.64 | 742.55 | 300.56 | 135.59 | 220.05 | 371.81 | 2,642.29 |
| Bldg. & Repairs | | 2,836.87 | 475.08 | 429.06 | 1,913.09 | 258.52 | 80.00 | 715.88 | 6,708.50 |
| Miscellaneous | | 1,619.80 | 172.56 | 1,901.78 | 850.76 | 229.79 | 867.02 | 1,348.11 | 6,989.82 |
| Other | | 1,169.38 | 225.00 | | 519.99 | 66.00 | 200.00 | 500.00 | 2,680.37 |
| Loan Payments | | 1,500.00 | 540.00 | 1,500.00 | | | | | 3,540.00 |
| Assoc. Fees | | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 175.00 |
| TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN | | 14,592.38 | 4,730.14 | 9,398.51 | 9,204.34 | 2,669.68 | 5,059.89 | 7,655.73 | 53,310.67 |

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

| CHURCH & PASTOR'S TELEPHONE | PASTOR | CLERK | TIME & CLERK'S TELEPHONE |
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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.