89th Session

of

Liberty No. 1 Association

of

Free Will Baptists

- MINUTES -

OF THE

EIGHTY-NINETH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

OF THE

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

UNION GROVE CHURCH

CASTLEBERRY, ALA.

OCTOBER 6 & 7, 1978

QUARTERLY MEETINGS
1st PINE GROVE
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION Friendship
CTS RALLY Friendship August 3, 1979
NEXT ASSOCIATION Range October 12 & 13, 1979
MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE
January 5, 1979 Friendship March 30, 1979 Pine Grove June 29, 1979 Range October 5, 1979 Semirah Springs

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

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MODERATOR
LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION
Clerk & Treasurer
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
YEAR 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 Ivan I. Stewart P. O. Box 116, Perdido, Ala. 36562-1983
ORDAINING COUNCIL
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 Rev. C. B. Baggett Rt. 1, Box 212-A, Castleberry, Ala. 36432-1982 Rev. N. W. Carden Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala. 36441-1983
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
YEAR Rodger Presley
CTS DIRECTOR Bernice Gray Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala. 36432
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR Ivan I. Stewart

YOUTH	MEET	INGS
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November 10, 1978	FRIENDSHIP	7:00 PM
February 16, 1979	UNION GROVE	7:00 PM
June ,1979	PINE GROVE	7:30 PM
September 15, 1979	APPLETON	3:00 PM

YOUTH DIRECTORS

APPLETON	ron	Mason Casey	
		Route 4. Brewton, Ala. 36426	

FRIENDSHIP

PINE GROVE	. Sallie Chafin						
	P. O. Box 131, Perdido, Ala. 36562						

SEMIRAH SPRINGS Genita Woods Rt. 1, Uriah, Ala. 36480

UNION GROVE Annie Jo Baggett
Rt. 1, Box 212-A
Castleberry, Ala. 36432

ORDAINED DEACONS

C. H. Benefield Union Grove Rt. 2, Castleberry, Ala.
Dempsey Cain Appleton Rt. 4, Box 80-C, Brewton, Ala.
Douglas Carden FriendshipRt. 1, Box 152, Flomaton, Ala.
Mason Casey Appleton Rt. 4, Brewton, Ala. 36426
Fred Crutchfield Range Lenox, Ala.
Ted Fretwell Semirah Springs Rt. 1, Uriah, Ala.
Bernice Gray Union Grove Rt. 1, Castleberry, Ala.
E. J. Gray
A. L. Hollinger Semirah Springs Rt. 1, Uriah, Ala.
Guy Milstid Pine Grove Rt. 1, Perdido, Ala.
Rodger Presley Pine Grove Rt. 1, Perdido, Ala.
Lloyd Saucer
Ivan I. Stewart
James A. Turner Friendship Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala.
Mason Woods Semirah Springs Rt. 1, Uriah, Ala.
Raymond Woods Semirah Springs Rt. 1, Uriah, Ala.

MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTER'S NAME	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals	Prof. Wit.	Baptized	Members Rec'd.	Funerals	Married	MONEY RECEIVED
Rev. C. B. Baggett	104	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	4,680.00
Rev. Clyde Bruley	104	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2,865.00
Rev. N. W. Carden	100	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	4,423.90
Rev. T. E. Downey	90	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/
Rev. W. A. Murphy	15	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	120.00
Rev. W. G. Palmer	124	1	2	0	5	3	8	2	7,420.00
Rev. E. F. Sanford	109	1	1	10	0	7	1	0	

MINISTERS

Rev. C. B. Baggett	Rt. 1, Box 212-A, Castleberry, Ala. 36432
Rev. Clyde Bruley	Start Route B, Atmore, Ala. 36502
Rev. N. W. Carden	Rt. 1, Flomaton, Ala. 36441
Rev. T. E. Downey	Perdido, Ala. 36562
	Rt. 2, Atmore, Ala. 36502
Rev. E. F. Sanford	714 E. Williams, Crestview, Fla. 32536

HONOR ROLL: Rev. J. W. Arnette

DELEGATES

Appleton: Rebecca Casey, Marie Cooper, Colonel Wilson

Friendship: Katie Carden, Cecil Barnes, Elaine Barnes

Pine Grove: Sallie Chafin, Kent Stewart, Patsy Presley

Range: Sena Hall, Edna Sanford, Ruth Crutchfield

Semirah Springs: Ruth Brown, Maiselle Woods, Isabell Woods

Union Grove: Robert Gray, Mamie L. Palmer, Betty Gray

VISITORS

Rev. Robert Edmondson, Pastor of Mobile Church; Rev. Garry Winsett, Bay Minette; Bro. & Sis. Leland Nall, Brewton.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1978

The Eighty-nineth Session of the Liberty No. 1 Association of FWB opened with congregational singing directed by Bro. E. J. Gray.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. F. Sanford.

Rev. C. B. Baggett, Pastor of Union Grove Church, extended a cordial welcome and led in prayer.

The devotion was brought by Rev. Clyde Bruley, using various scriptures from the books of Genesis and Psalms.

The moderator, Rev. C. B. Baggett, called the session to order for business. He presented a short message entitled "To Do The Will of the Father Who Sent Me".

Rev. Robert A. Edmondson, Pastor of Mobile Church and Rev. Garry Winsett of Bay Minette were welcomed and invited to sit with us.

Minutes of the Third Quarterly meeting were accepted unanimously.

The Executive Committee recommended that church letters be accepted.

Ministers' Cards were turned in to be examined by the Executive Committee.

The congregation adjourned to the outside where the "Right Hand of Christian Fellowship" was taken.

— WORSHIP HOUR —

The worship hour was open with Rev. Clyde Bruley directing the song service.

Rev. Tony Downey led the offeratory prayer. Offering received was \$23.01.

Mrs. C. B. Baggett led in song, "How Great Thou Art", followed by church group singing "Jesus is Coming Soon."

A very stirring message, "Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out", was brought by Rev. Robert A. Edmondson of the Mobile FWB Church.

Dismissed with prayer for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 6, 1978

Assembled back in Session at 1:15 o'clock with Bro. Bruley directing the song service along with a good testimonial Service.

Rev. & Mrs. W. G. Palmer sang, "I'm Too Far Upon My Journey".

Prayer was offered by Bro. Baggett.

After church letters were read and accepted, the delegates were seated.

Statistical and Expenditure Reports were distributed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the following suggestion made by the Board of Christian Education: "It is suggested that the youth meetings be held 4 times a year instead of 12. These meetings to be held in the months of November, February, June and September."

A motion was made, seconded and passed to give old mimeograph machine to Appleton Church for their youth to publish a paper.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1978

Bro. E. J. Gray opened the service with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Bernice Gray.

Rev. Willis Murphy brought the morning devotion from Hebrews 6:9.

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

Oral committee reports were given.

A letter was read from the Children's Home concerning the retirement of Sis. Florence Sides. It was decided that the churches which wanted to contribute to Sis. Sides' Retirement Fund should send their donations to Sis. Carlton Lambert before October 21st.

The morning worship hour began at 11 o'clock with Bro. Bruley directing the song service.

Sis. Gwen Stewart sang, "Nobody Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus".

Offeratory prayer-Bro. Bruley. Offering received was \$20.60.

Rev. N. W. Carden, Pastor of Friendship Church brought the morning message, "For With God All Things Are Possible". Mark 10:26-31.

Dismissed with prayer for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7, 1978

Bro. Bruley opened session with congregational singing.

A special, "I Have A Better Place to Go," was sung by the Union Grove group.

Prayer by Bro. Rufus Baggett.

Moderator presided over the final business session.

Ministers' Cards were read, approved and new cards were issued.

Oral report was given the Executive Committee on the Standing of Ministry.

Treasurer's Report was distributed and accepted as given.

A letter concerning Rev. Garry Winsett's standing in the Association was read to the body.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a letter as requested stating that Rev. Winsett was issued a Minister's Card in October, 1977 and was in good standing until he left Pine Grove Church, January, 1978.

A motion was made to reimburse Appleton Church the cost of chicken purchased to cook at Youth Meeting held in September, 1978. Motion seconded and passed.

The Clerk announced the dates of Associational Meetings for the coming year.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED:

Executive Committee
Ordaining Council Rev. N. W. Carden
Board of Christian Education Minnie Casey
(replacing Garry Winsett)
Board of Christian Education Bernice Gray
Liberty No. 1 Home Mission Ivan I. Stewart
Moderator Rev. Clyde Bruley
Asst. Moderator
Clerk Mrs. C. B. Baggett
Asst. Clerk Mrs. Ivan I. Stewart

Delegates to the State Meeting: Gwen Stewart, Ruth Brown, Isabell Woods, Morencia Palmer and Mamie L. Palmer.

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 7, 1978, at Pine Grove Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

- 1. Approval of loan from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission to Pine Grove Church (\$1,000).
 - 2. Rules for Projector. (on file with clerk)
- 3. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a new mimeograph machine.

SECOND MEETING:

Was held April 8, 1978, at Semirah Springs Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

- Appointment of Minnie Casey to fill vacancy of Rev. Garry Winsett on the Board of Christian Education.
- 2. Approval of loan from Liberty No. 1 Home Mission to Appleton Church (\$3,000), Range Church (\$1,000).

THIRD MEETING:

Was held July 8, 1978, at Friendship Church.

SUGGESTIONS ADOPTED

None.

CTS RALLY

The CTS Rally was held at Appleton Church, August 12, 1978, at 7:30 P.M.

Song Service was led by Sis. Edna Johnaon.

Rev. W. G. Palmer brought the Devotion.

Special Singing by Bro. and Sis. Bernice Gray.

Only three churches were represented. The youth of Appleton Church gave a good program.

It was voted to keep the same CTS Director, Bernice Gray.

Offering received, \$9.83.

Prayer by Bro. Palmer.

Refreshments were served by Host Church.

Bernice M. Gray

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 1978 Session of Liberty No. 1 Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was held at Appleton Free Will Baptist Church on May 6, 1978, Bro. Bernice Gray presiding.

Bro. Ivan Stewart directed the song service, followed by Bro. Dempsey Cain giving a hearty "Welcome" and Rev. N. W. Carden leading in prayer.

Bro. Bernice Gray read the minutes of last year, which were approved by the body. Bro. Ivan Stewart was elected S. S. Supt. for the coming year.

The Worship Hour began with Rev. Clyde Bruley directing the song service. An offering of \$23.09 was received. Two specials were sung by Bro. and Sis. Bernice Gray and Bro. and Sis. Ivan Stewart. Rev. C. B. Baggett brought the Morning Message, "How Much Does The Church Mean To You".

Lunch was served by Host Church.

The Afternoon Session began with Bro. Ted Fretwell directing the song service.

Programs were presented by Friendship, Semirah Springs, Union Grove and Appleton. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Elmer Gray.

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in transurer 10	1-77		\$12 931 09
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PLUS DEPOSITS (
o day more y	214.56		
April	354.12		
July	259.15		
October	403.66		
	\$1,231.49		1,231.49
Interest			259.50
Tota	al:		\$14,422.08
LESS PURCHASES	:		
1. Projector &	Equipment (Gospel Film	s) 573.70	
2. Mimeograph		662.50	
8-1		\$1,236.20	-1.236.20
Balance in treasurer 10-	1-78		
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LESS NOTES:			
	\$3,000.00		
Pine Grove			
	750.00		
Total Notes:	A STATE OF THE STA		-7,550.00
Total in Bank 10-11-78			. \$0,030.88

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasure 10-6-77
Union Grove975.44
TOTAL 10 Percent MONEY \$5,026.96 6. Associational Fees
MINUS EXPENSES: 1. FWB Children's Home \$ 738.87 2. FWB Retirement & Ins. 492.59 3. FWB Bible College 344.80 4. FWB Foreign Missions 492.59 5. Ala. FWB Home Mission 985.17 6. FWB Nat. Home Mission 492.59 7. Liberty No. 1 Home Mission 1,231.49 8. Supplies, Stamps, Bulletins 65.98 9. Youth Meetings 223.31 10. Officers' Fees 90.00 11. Ala. State Fees 70.00 12. Pine Grove - 1977 Assoc. Offering 45.79 13. Greg Bruley 200.00 14. Printing of 1977 Minutes 50.00 TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$5,523.18 Balance in Treasure 10-6-78 \$ 543.72
YOUTH MEETINGS: Balance 1977

Ivan Stewart, Ch.

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.

Artice 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 - 1978

	APPLETON	FIRST CHURCH	FRIENDSHIP	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTAL:
MEMBERS RECEIVED	5		1	5	7	2	2	22
Baptism	4						1	5
Letter			1	4	6	2		13
Conf. faith	1			1	1		1	4
DISMISSED	2		1	4	4	1	1	13
Letter Excluded	1			3	3			7
* Deceased	1		1	1	1	1	1	6
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	101		106	26	30	59	30	352
Active	100		69	22	30	50	23	294
In-Active	1		37	4		9	7	58
DEPT. MEMBERS								
Sunday School	59		65	33	18	38	31	244
CTS	26		65			24	31	146
Auxiliary	8		14		9	14	7	52
Master Men	6		11				6	23
Mid-Week Service	30		25	18		15	25	113

^{*} R. T. Cooper, age 50, member Appleton, died 12-10-77
Ruby Spence, age 75, member Friendship, died 12-15-77
Chris Long, age 72, member Pine Grove, died 11-26-77
Minnie Lee, age 81, member Range, died 7-14-78
Herbert Cardwell, age 61, member Semirah Springs, died 9-15-78
Alice Gray, age 64, member Union Grove, died 3-20-78

STATISTICAL EXPENDITURE REPORT - 1978

OUTSIDE EXPENDITURES	10 Percent MONEY	APPLETON	FIRST	FRIENDSHIP	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SPRINGS	UNION	TOTAL:
10 Percent Money		1,639.41		1,119.32	458.48	232.35	601.96	975.44	5,026.96
Children's Home	738.87						64.00		802.87
Bible College - 7 %	344.80				7		50.00		394.80
Greg Bruley - 3 %	147.79								147.79
Ret. & Ins.	492.59								492.59
Assoc. Treas.	101.07								101.07
MISSIONS:									
Liberty No. 1 Assoc.	1,231.49								1,231.49
Home Mission	492.59						15.00		507.59
State Home Mission	985.17				15.68		45.00	22.75	1,068.60
Foreign Missions	492.59						15.00		507.59
LOCAL EXPENDITURES									
Pastor's Salary		7,120.00		4,423.90	2,160.00	1,730.00	2,865.00	4,680.00	22,978.90
Evangelist		315.00		140.00	50.00		175.00	125.00	805.00
Literature		779.59		754.42	257.25	77.29	311.76	442.29	2,622.60
Bldg. & Repairs		181.66		3,328.25	3,144.93	174.00	237.55	1,587.05	8,653.44
Miscellaneous		3,931.30		3,788.35	1,409.05	412.50	1,086.32	741.11	11,368.63
Other		349.50		4,225.00	311.35	15.00	350.00	1,000.00	6,290.85
Loan Payments		1,500.00							1,500.00
Assoc. Fees		25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	150.00
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN		16,394.02		11,199.67	7,796.81	2,317.45	6,019.47	9,724.90	53,452.32

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

CHURCH & 'ASTOR'S TELEPHONE	PASTOR	CLERK	TIME & CLERK'S TELEPHONE	
APPLETON 966-2371	Rev. W. G. Palmer Route 1, Box 287 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	Mrs. Edna Johnson P. O. Box 1273 Brewton, Ala. 36426	FULL 867-2747	
FIRST CHURCH (904) 256-2735	Rev. J. T. Long Route 1, Box 23 McDavid, Fla.		FULL	
FRIENDSHIP 296-3621	HIP Rev. N. W. Carden Route 1, Box 152 Flomaton, Ala. 36441 Rev. N. W. Carden Route 1, Box 1 Flomaton, Ala. 36441 Route 1, Box 1		FULL 296-2219	
PINE GROVE 937-5967	Rev. T. E Downey P. O. Box 9 Perdido, Ala. 36562	Pam Stewart P. O. Box 46 Perdido, Ala. 36562	FULL 937-8602	
RANGE 682-2240	717 E. WIIIIOIIIS SIGI KOOIE		FULL 248-2224	
SEMIRAH SPRINGS 368-3027	Rev. Clyde Bruley Star Route B, Box 309-A Atmore, Ala. 36502	Mrs. Isabell Woods Route 1 Uriah, Ala. 36480	FULL 862-2438	
Rev. C. B. Baggett Route 1, Box 212-A Castleberry, Ala. 36432		Mrs. Esther Gray Route 1 Castleberry, Ala. 36432	FULL 966-2273	

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.