

***96th Session***  
***of***  
***Liberty No. 1***  
***Association***  
***of***  
***Free Will Baptists***

***1985***

M I N U T E S

of the

NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of the

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

RANGE CHURCH

Range, AL

October 11 & 12, 1985

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st.....	UNION GROVE.....	January 11,	1986
2nd.....	SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....	April 12,	1986
3rd.....	PINE GROVE.....	July 12,	1986

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

RANGE.....	May 3,	1986
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FRIENDSHIP.....	August 1,	1986
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NEXT ASSOCIATION

APPLETON.....	October 10 & 11,	1986
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MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

January 3, 1986.....	UNION GROVE
April 4, 1986.....	APPLETON
*July 5, 1986.....	FRIENDSHIP
October 3, 1986.....	NEW HOME

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

UNION GROVE.....	February 22,	1986
APPLETON.....	June 21,	1986
FRIENDSHIP.....	September 20,	1986
NEW HOME.....	November 22,	1986

### OFFICERS & BOARD MEMEBERS

MODERATOR.....Bro. Rodger Presley  
Route 1,Box 3A, Perdido, AL (PH. 937-6382)  
ASSIST. MODERATOR..... Bro. Bernice Gray  
Route 1, Castleberry, AL  
CLERK..... Mrs. C. B. Baggett  
Route 1,Box 212-A,Castleberry, AL (PH. 966-2374)  
ASSIST. CLERK..... Minnie Casey  
Route 4, Box 115, Brewton, AL (PH. 867-5364)

### LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

CLERK & TREASURER..... Ivan I. Stewart  
P.O. Box 116,Perdido, AL 36562 (PH. 937-8689)  
BOARD MEMBERS..... Bro. Rodger Presley & Rev. W.G.Palmer

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	YEAR
Bernice Gray.....Rt.1,Castleberry, AL 36432	- 1986
Fred Crutchfield..... Lenox, AL 36474	- 1987
Ivan I. Stewart...P.O.Box 116,Perdido, AL 36562	- 1988
Dempsey Cain.. Rt. 4,Box 80-C,Brewton, AL 36426	- 1989
A. L. Hollinger..... Rt.1, Uriah AL 36480	- 1990

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W.G. Palmer...Rt.1, Castleberry, AL 36432	- 1986
Rev. C.B. Baggett..Rt. 1, Castleberry, AL 36432	- 1987
Rev. N.W. Carden...Rt.1, Box 249K,Uriah,AL36480	- 1988
Rev. John Burnham.....Pensacola,FL 32505	- 1989
Rev. Clyde Bruley...Star Rt.A, Atmore, AL 36502	- 1990

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ivan I. Stewart...P.O.Box 116,Perdido, AL 36562	- 1986
Bernice Gray..Rt.1, Box 285,Castleberry,AL36432	- 1987
Donnie Hall Rt. 5, Box 108, Brewton,AL36426	- 1988

### CTS DIRECTOR

Bobby Boatwright.....Gen. Del., Range,AL 36473	- 1986
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

Ivan I. Stewart...P.O.Box 116,Perdido, AL 36562	- 1986
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### ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting brethren to sit with us.
2. Opportunity for new members.
3. Reading of minutes of last conference.
4. Deacons' Report
5. Unfinished business
6. Miscellaneous business
7. Motion to adjourn.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. C.B.Baggett....Rt.1,Bx 212-A,Castleberry,AL	36432
Rev. Clyde Bruley...Star Rt. A,Bx328, Atmore, AL	36502
Rev. John Burnham...4403 Monpelier Dr,Pensacola,FL	32505
Rev. N.W. Carden.....Route 1,Box 328, Uriah,AL	36480
Rev. Willis Murphy.....Atmore, AL	36502
Rev. W.G. Palmer.....Rt.1,Bx 287, Castleberry,AL	36432
Rev. E.F. Sanford.....P.O. Box 62,Crestview,FL	32526
Rev. Trellis Mayhall..Rt.4, Box 116, Brewton, AL	36426

### ORDAINED DEACONS

C. H. Benefield.....	UNION GROVE
Bobby Boatwright.....	RANGE
Dempsey Cain.....	APPLETON
Douglas Carden.....	FRIENDSHIP
Jimmy Carden.....	FRIENDSHIP
Mason Casey.....	APPLETON
Fred Crutchfield.....	RANGE
Ted Fretwell.....	SEMIRAH SPRINGS
Bernice Gray.....	UNION GROVE
E. J. Gray.....	UNION GROVE
Frank Green.....	FRIENDSHIP
Donnie Hall .....	APPLETON
A. L. Hollinger.....	SEMIRAH SPRINGS
David Johnson.....	APPLETON
Guy Milstid.....	PINE GROVE
Rodger Presley.....	PINE GROVE
Charles Roberson.....	NEW HOME
Lloyd Saucer.....	RANGE
Jimmy Smith.....	NEW HOME
Kenneth Smith.....	NEW HOME
Ivan I. Stewart.....	PINE GROVE
Mason Woods.....	SEMIRAH SPRINGS
Raymond Woods.....	SEMIRAH SPRINGS

## PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1985

The Liberty No. 1 Association met at Range Church on October 11, 1985 for the 96th Session.

Bro. Bernice Gray opened the meeting with congregational singing. Bro. Fred Crutchfield gave a cordial welcome. Rev. W. G. Palmer led in prayer.

The devotion was given by Bro. Bobby Boatwright, using the theme, "In the Beginning, God", Gen. 1:1 and various other scriptures from Genesis, Deut., & I John 1:9.

Bro. Rodger Presley, Moderator, presided over the meeting. The Clerk was asked to call the session to order.

Bro. Fred Crutchfield and Bro. Bobby Boatwright was appointed Associational Deacons.

Minutes of the last Quarterly meeting were read and a motion was made to accept. Motion passed.

Since New Home Church had been under the Watch-Care of the Association for one year, a motion was made to accept them into full fellowship of the Association. Motion seconded and motion carried.

The Moderator announced the committees. The Clerk read a letter from Bear Creek Association concerning the good standing of Rev. Trellis Mayhall. The letter was accepted as information.

Ministers were asked to turn in cards. We then adjourned outside for the Right Hand of Christian Fellowship.

Bro. Ted Fretwell opened the worship hour by directing the congregational singing. The offeratory prayer was led by Bro. Rodger Presley. Offering received was \$37.40.

Special singing was provided by Sue and Heida of Range Church. Rev. John Burnham delivered the morning message. Scriptures included Gen. 2:16,19 and Romans 12:1.

Special requests for prayer was offered and Bro. Burnham led in this prayer.

Dismissed for lunch.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Burnham. Prayer by Bro. Burnham.

The moderator asked for a report from the Executive Committee concerning the church letters. They reported that all church letters were in order except Friendship Church. Since there was some question on Friendship's letter concerning their minister, a motion was made to accept all other letters at this time. Motion seconded and passed. Church letters were read and delegates seated. Requests from letters were read. Statistical reports were distributed.

The moderator read to the body a letter received from the State Association concerning hiring a "Promotional Man" on a State level. After some discussion, the body was asked to think about this and we would act on it in tomorrow's session.

Dismissed with prayer.

## FRIDAY NIGHT:

Evening services were opened by Rev. Clyde Bruley directing the congregational singing. A testimony service followed. Special singing included "Til the Storm Passes By", by Bro. Bruley & Sis. Woods. "When I've Traveled My Last Mile" by Bro. & Sis. Henry and Bro. Palmer.

The message was delivered by Bro. Howard Henry. Text, Hebrews 1:1-3. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Mayhall.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1985:

The Saturday morning session was opened by Bro. Bruley directing the congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Burnham.

Bro. Bruley, pastor of Range Church, welcomed everyone and Bro. Fred Crutchfield gave the devotion, "Blessed", using scriptures from Psalms 1:1, Matt. 5:4-6. Prayer by Bro. Bruley.

The moderator presided over the business session.

The Executive Committee again reported that Friendship's letter could not be accepted because they had listed Bro. Mike Henderson as a licensed minister. According to information received, Bro. Henderson had not been licensed

by Liberty No. 1 Association of FWB.

A motion was made that we break fellowship with Friendship Church because they have called a pastor who is not licensed by the Free Will Baptists denomination. The Clerk shall notify Friendship of this problem. Motion seconded.

A motion was made to table the above motion until next Quarterly Meeting to see if Friendship wants to be a member of this Association and be willing to call a Free Will Baptist minister. Motion seconded and passed to table motion until next Quarterly Meeting.

A motion was made to nominate a committee to be sent to Friendship Church. Motion seconded and passed. Rev. W. G. Palmer, Rev. Trellis Mayhall and Bro. Ivan Stewart were elected to this committee.

The worship hour was begun with congregational singing directed by Bro. Donnie Hall. As an offering of \$50.05 was received, Bro. Louis Presley presided at the piano. Bro. Ivan Stewart prayed the offeratory prayer.

Special singing was provided by the Perdido Trio, "The Sun's Coming up in the Morning".

Rev. Trellis Mayhall, pastor of New Home Church, delivered the message from Deut. 19:14, Prov. 22:28, "The Devil Has Moved the Landmark Out of it's Place."

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Dempsey Cain.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

The afternoon session was opened by Rev. Bruley directing the congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Ted Fretwell. By request the Union Grove group sang, "A Better Place to Go."

Oral committee reports were give from all committees. Recommendations were made by the State, Home and Foreign Missions' committees as follows:

(1) We the committee on Home Missions, recommend that the Alabama State Home Missions' 10% be ear-marked to Rev. Mickey Kirkland who is running a deficit and National Home Missions' 10% be divided between Mrs. Mike Mutchler and the Fred Jones.

(2) We the committee on Foreign Missions, recommend that the 10% (\$264.31) this quarter be given to Rev. Dave Franks and Rick Bowling. None has been ear-marked to them this year.

A motion was made to accept all reports including the above recommendations. Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. Ivan Stewart expressed words of appreciation to all our ministers. Since the first Sunday in September is Pastor's Appreciation Day, he suggested each church remember to show their Pastor appreciation on that day.

Bro. C. B. Baggett, having recently been appointed as Chairman of the Missionary Conference Committee, gave this report; We offer this suggestion to you for your consideration and approval. The Committee voted to get two missionaries and have five nights service at Appleton Church and New Home Church. The missionaries to speak alternately between the two churches, other churches to attend these services as much as possible. An offering will be received each night to help support the finances. A motion was made to accept this plan as suggested. Motion seconded and carried.

After much discussion, a motion was made to help support hiring a State Promotional Man. The motion was carried. The Clerk was asked to contact Rev. John Edwards, Moderator of the State Association.

A motion was made approving a loan of \$1,000 for Semirah Springs. The loan is for carpet put down in church.

The Clerk gave the schedule for meetings next year.

The Executive Committee reported that the Ministers' cards had been examined and they recommend that all ordained ministers be given a new card. Since Bro. Howard Henry had not been recommended for ordination, he would not receive a new card and his license would be expired. Ministers' cards were read by Clerks.

The Clerk took names of the delegates to the State Association; Gwen Stewart, Bill & Isabell Sagers, Mae Palmer, Cora Brunham, Nancy Mayhall and Myrna Ware.

Officers for the coming year were elected;

Moderator.....Rodger Presley  
 Assist. Moderator.....Bernice Gray  
 Clerk.....Mrs. C.B.Baggett  
 Liberty No. 1 Home  
 Mission.....Ivan I. Stewart  
 Executive Committee.....A.L. Hollinger  
 Ordaining Council.....Rev. Clyde Bruley  
 Board of Christian  
 Education.....Donnie Hall  
 Children's Home.....Rev. Clyde Bruley

Bro. Donnie Hall, CTS Director, offered his resignation from this position and Bro. Bobby Boatwright was elected to finish out Bro. Hall's term.

A vote of appreciation was shown to the host church. Announcements were made. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

#### DELEGATES - - - -1985 Association

APPLETON - Vera Fay Hall, Ruby Jean Wilson, Edna Johnson  
 FRIENDSHIP - none  
 NEW HOME - Nancy Mayhall, Ruby Roberson, Madie Madden  
 PINE GROVE - Gwen Stewart, Patsy Presley, Sallie Chafin  
 RANGE - Sena Hall, Anna Lou Boatwright, Lois Lee  
 SEMIRAH SPRINGS - Maiselle Woods, Patricia Hollinger,  
 Isabell W. Sagers

## 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 unholiness, 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.

In 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.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS' REPORTS

### FIRST MEETING:- FRIENDSHIP CHURCH - January 12, 1985

1. Rev. E.F. Sanford's ministers' card read and a new one issued.
2. Foreign & Home Missions' 10% ear-marked to Lynn & Ramona Miley, Jeff Turnbough; James Walden; Mickey Kirkland; Mrs. Mike Mutchler; the Fred Jones.

### SECOND MEETING: - SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH - April 13, 1985

1. Rev. Floyd Barber received into Liberty No. 1 Association as an ordained minister.
2. Foreign & Home Missions' 10% ear-marked to Lynn & Ramona Miley; James Walden; Rev. & Mrs. Fred Jones.
3. Appointed a Missionary Conference Committee.

### THIRD MEETING: - UNION GROVE - July 13, 1985

1. Bro. Charles Roberson ordained as Deacon of New Home Church.
2. Letter of good standing for Rev. Floyd Barber sent to Florida State Line Assoc.
3. Foreign & Home Missions' 10% ear-marked to the Fred Jones; Jeff Turnbough; Mickey Kirkland; James Walden.

## MINISTERS' REPORT

	SERMONS PREACHED	CHURCHES PASTORED	REVIVALS	PROF. WIT.	BAPTIZED	FUNERALS	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
REV. C.B. BAGGETT	96	1	0		3	1	5	0	\$7,750.00
REV. CLYDE BRULEY	103	1	0	1	3	2	4	0	\$3,925.00
REV. JOHN BURNHAM	110	1	2	2	0	2	8	0	\$3,975.00
REV. W.G. PALMER	109	1	1	9	2	3	9	0	\$7,950.00
REV. E.F. SANFORD	16	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	\$ 400.00
BRO. HOWARD HENRY (Licensed)	50	1	0	2	2	3	0	1	\$ 300.00

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

10/11/85

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 1985 Session of Liberty No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was held on Saturday, May 4, 1985 at Appleton Church. Bro. Ivan Stewart presided.

Theme for the convention was "For the Grace of God that Bringeth Salvation Hath Appeared to all Men." Titus 2:11.

Song Service began at 10 A.M., directed by Bro. Donnie Hall, with Bro. Louis Presley at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Ivan Stewart.

Rev. W. G. Palmer, host pastor, welcomed everyone. All churches present except Friendship. Prayer by Rev. Trellis Mayhall.

Rev. C. B. Baggett brought the devotion from theme, Titus 2:11-13. An offering of \$35.10 was received by the ushers.

Bro. Ivan Stewart gave a brief talk on "Objectives of Sunday School". Programs were presented by Appleton, "The Unmerciful Servant"; Pine Grove, "The Beatitudes"; Semirah Springs, "Salt"; and Union Grove, "Church Service".

In the Business session reports and minutes were read and approved. Re-elected Bro. Ivan Stewart for S.S. Supt. for coming year.

Rev. Clyde Bruley, pastor of Range Church and Rev. Trellis Mayhall, pastor of New Home Church gave brief talks.

Attendance percentages were read and dismissed in prayer and "Giving of Thanks" by Rev. John Burnham.

Bal. brought forward 10/9/84

\$769.37

DEPOSITS:

1. Assoc. Offerings	81.95
2. 1st Qtr. Meeting	30.38
3. 2nd Qtr. Meeting	44.36
4. 3rd Qtr. Meeting	60.65
5. Assoc. Fees	490.00
6. Fellowship Meetings	202.85
7. S.S. Convention	35.11
8. CTS Rally	31.29
9. 10% MONEY - Appleton	2,594.53
Friendship	995.00
New Home	2,177.75
Pine Grove	1,003.50
Range	796.40
Semirah Springs	1,042.36
Union Grove	1,244.27

TOTAL DEPOSITS

10,830.40

TOTAL CASH

\$11,599.77

LESS EXPENSES:

1. FWB Children's Home	1,448.52
2. FWB Ret. & Ins.	1,931.32
3. FWB Bible College	965.68
4. FWB Foreign Missions	965.68
5. Ala.FWB Home Mission	1,448.52
6. FWB Nat.Home Mission	965.68
7. Liberty No.1	1,931.32
8. Supplies,Postage	67.52
9. Fellowship Nights	202.85
10. Bulletins	37.10
11. Telephone Calls	8.43
12. Ala.State Assoc.	140.00
13. 1984 Assoc.-U.Grove	81.95
14. 1984 Minutes	137.57
15. Officers' Fees	90.00
16. CTS Rally - Film	48.48

TOTAL PAID OUT

10,470.62

Balance as of 10/11/85

\$ 1,129.15

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

Balance in Treasurer 10/1/84.....	\$22,826.50
PLUS: Deposits - 10% Money.....	1,759.24
Interest.....	1,245.52
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TOTAL.....	\$25,831.26

LESS NOTES:

Appleton.....	\$2,400.00	
Pine Grove.....	700.00	
Union Grove.....	2,200.00	
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TOTAL.....	\$5,300.00	- 5,300.00

TOTAL in Bank 10/1/85.....	\$20,531.26
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Ivan Stewart, Treas.

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CTS RALLY

The Annual CTS Rally was held at New Home Church on August 2, 1985 at 7 P.M. Bro. Buddy Bell directed the song service. Rev. Trellis Mayhall, host pastor, gave the welcoming and read a verse of scripture from Is. 40:31 and led in prayer.

An offering of \$31.29 was received. For the program, a film entitled "Discover Your Gifts" was shown.

Minutes were read and accepted from the last meeting. Bro. Donnie Hall was re-elected as CTS Director. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. Refreshments were served by host church.

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 1985

	APPLETON	FRIENDSHIP	NEW HOME	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	9	1	2	8	3	0	5	28
Baptism	2	1	2		1		3	9
Letter	6			5	1		2	14
Conf. Faith	1			3	1			5
MEMBERS DISMISSED	3	1	8	3	1	0	2	18
Letter Excluded			6	2			1	9
*Deceased	3	1	2	1	1		1	9
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	109	108	57	68	35	40	35	452
Active	62	50	39	31	21	25	26	254
In-Active	47	58	18	37	14	15	9	198
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS								
Sunday School	62	26	35	22	19	33	22	219
CTS	31	22	23	0	0	18	19	113
Auxiliary	0	0	0	0	9	13	0	22
Master Men	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mid-Week	30					12	12	54

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## ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT - 1985

	APPLETON	FRIENDSHIP	NEW HOME	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEY	2,594.53	995.00	2,177.75	1,003.50	796.40	1,042.36	1,244.27		9,853.81
CHILDREN'S HOME						60.00		1,448.52	1,508.52
RETIPEMENT & INS.								1,931.32	1,931.32
BIBLE COLLEGE								965.68	965.68
ASSOC. TREAS.	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	197.09	687.09
MISSIONS:									
LIBERTY NO. 1								1,931.32	1,931.32
NAT. HOME MISSIONS			56.67			25.00		965.68	1,047.35
ALA. HOME MISSIONS						40.00		1,448.52	1,488.52
FOREIGN MISSIONS						45.00		965.68	1,010.68
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:									
PASTOR	7,800.00	4,050.00	11,343.30	3,975.00	3,925.00	4,325.00	7,750.00		43,168.30
LITERATURE	2,120.91	340.68	834.73	200.40	331.84	344.28	616.23		4,789.07
EVANGELIST	1,396.00		300.00	250.00	289.25	250.00	200.00		2,685.25
BLDG. & REPAIRS	5,630.45	2,182.71	2,449.30	2,663.73	824.60	563.54	626.00		14,940.33
MISCELLANEOUS	10,403.08	2,445.28	2,371.19	1,948.45	1,079.50	2,564.24	1,247.16		22,058.90
OTHER	97.34	1,156.36	1,267.13			450.00	375.00		3,345.83
LOAN PAYMENTS	2,200.00			1,200.00		1,050.00	1,200.00		5,650.00
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	25,945.25	9,943.59	21,777.53	10,035.56	7,838.00	10,423.35	12,442.76		98,406.04

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

PREAMBLE

From experience we, the members of Liberty No. 1 Association of Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and members of Churches in this Liberty No. 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 No. 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 Association Government.

ARTICLE I  
NAME

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

ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in Liberty No. 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 Baptists, and who make written request to this Association for membership.

Section 2. The officers of Liberty No. 1 Association shall be a moderator, assist. moderator, 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 No. 1 Association adopted 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 No. 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 outlined in the National Treatise, page 47, Chapter I, "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 No. 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 No. 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 10¢ per mile by the Association.

Section 10. (A) The Liberty No. 1 Home Mission's money can be loaned to churches at no interest for church related projects only. Church requesting loan should prepare the proper paper work, stating what money is to be used for. (B) Board to meet with applicant and make recommendation to body. (C) Final decision to be made by the body. (D) Upon signature of two (2) Board Members, money must be withdrawn or released before next meeting or loan is cancelled. (E) A balance of \$2500 is to be maintained for emergency purposes. Authority being given to Executive Committee and Home Mission Board to meet between regular meetings to approve loan for this emergency. (F) Maximum time for repayment is four years for \$5,000 and up, two years for \$2500 and down with a minimum monthly payment of \$50.00.

Section 11. The Moderator to be paid \$30.00, Clerk paid \$50.00 and Assist. 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 to the host church for associational expenses.

Section 14. No Boards or Committee 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 Association Treasury to the different phases of work; CHILDREN'S HOME-15%; BIBLE COLLEGE-10%; RETIREMENT & INSURANCE-20%; FOREIGN MISSIONS-10%; NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS-10%; ALABAMA FWB MISSIONS-15%; and LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION-20%. (Amended 10/13/84 - All 10% money for Foreign and Home Missions shall be designated each quarter to Alabama Missionaries.)

Section 16. In time of bereavement, church clerks will call Association Clerk, in turn the Association Clerk will call all ministers. Telephone cost will be paid out of the Association 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 & Deacons Retreat; (B) Laymans' Institutes; (C) Bible Conferences.

#### OFFICERS' DUTIES

Officers of Liberty No. 1 Association shall be as listed in Article II, Section II of the Constitution:

##### 1. MODERATOR--

- A. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at each session of the Association and Quarterly meetings.
- B. The Moderator shall call the body to order at the beginning of each business session.

- C. The Moderator shall seat the delegates in a designated area at the beginning of each session.
- D. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian Spirit.
- E. The Moderator shall have anyone desiring to speak to arise to his feet and address him as "Bro. Moderator" but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
- F. The Moderator shall be chairman of the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council.

##### 2. ASSISTANT MODERATOR--

- A. The duty of the Assistant Moderator shall include presiding at the request of, or in the absence of, the Moderator and assisting him in such ways as may be necessary.

##### 3. CLERK-TREASURER

- A. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to prepare the Minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and the handling of such official correspondence for the Association as directed by the Body.
- B. The Clerk shall receive and disburse all Associational monies as directed by the Association.

##### 4. ASSISTANT CLERK

- A. The Assistant Clerk shall act for the Clerk in the absence of the clerk or at the request of the clerk and to assist in what ever ways may be necessary.

--BOARDS--

1. BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- A. The Board of Christian Education shall be defined in Article 5, Section 17 of the Constitution.

2. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION BOARD

- A. The Liberty No. 1 Home Missions Board shall receive and disburse monies of the Liberty No. 1 Home Mission as directed by the Association.

--COMMITTEES--

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Executive Committee's duties shall be as outlined in the Constitution of Liberty No. 1 Association; Article 2, Section 2 - Article 5 Section 1 - Article 5, Section 9.
- B. The nature of the work of the Executive Committee shall be executive and promotional and not legislative.

2. CTS DIRECTOR

- A. It shall be the duty of the CTS Director to preside at the Annual CTS Convention and General Promotion of CTS work of Liberty No. 1 Association.

3. SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

- A. It shall be the duty of the Sunday School Director to preside at the annual Sunday School Convention and General promotion of the Sunday School work of Liberty No. 1 Association.

# DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

CHURCH & PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	PASTOR	CLERK	TIME & CLERK'S TELEPHONE
APPLETON 966-2371	Rev. W. G. Palmer Route 1, Box 287 Castleberry, AL 36432	Edna Johnson Route 2, Box 176 Castleberry, AL 36432	FULL 867-2747
FRIENDSHIP 867-2620	Bro. Mike Henderson 302 Ashley St. Brewton, AL 36426	Dot Dantzler Route 2, Box 56 Brewton, AL 36426	FULL 867-2645
NEW HOME 867-7703	Rev. Trellis Mayhall Route 4, Box 116 Brewton, AL 36426	Ruby Roberson Route 5, Box 245 Brewton, AL 36426	FULL 867-2312
PINE GROVE (904) 432-9603	Rev. John Burnham 4403 Monpellier Dr. Pensacola, FL 32505	Rodger Presley Route 1, Box 3A Perdido, AL 36562	FULL 937-6382
RANGE 368-3027	Rev. Clyde Bruley Star Rt. A, Box 328 Atmore, AL 36502	Georgia L. English General Delivery Range, Alabama 36473	FULL 248-2502
SEMIRAH SPRINGS (904) 682-2240	Rev. E. F. Sanford P.O. Box 62 Crestview, FL 32526	Isabell W. Sagers Route 1, Box 237 Uriah, AL 36480	FULL 862-2773
UNION GROVE 966-2374	Rev. C. B. Baggett Route 1, Box 212-A Castleberry, AL 36432	Esther Gray Route 1, Box 214 Castleberry, AL 36432	FULL 966-2273