

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of the

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1997

MINUTES

of the

ONE HUNDRED 8th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

held with

SEMIRAH SPRINGS
URIAH, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 10 & 11 1997

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st.....	PINE GROVE.....	JANUARY 10, 1998
2nd.....	RANGE.....	APRIL 11, 1998
3rd.....	APPLETON.....	JULY 11, 1998

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

UNION GROVE.....MAY 2, 1998

CTS RALLY

SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....AUGUST 7, 1998

NEXT ASSOCIATION

CANAAN.....OCTOBER 9 & 10, 1998

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

JANUARY 2, 1998.....	CANAAN
APRIL 3, 1998.....	PINE GROVE.
JULY 3, 1998.....	RANGE
OCTOBER 2, 1998.....	SEMIRAH SPRINGS

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

MODERATOR.....RONALD G. HALL
102 DAWSON ST. BREWTON AL 36426 (867-2130)
ASSIST. MODERATOR.....W.G. PALMER
ROUTE 1, BOX 287, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432 (966-2371)
CLERK.....ANNIE JO BAGGETT
ROUTE 1, BOX 212-A, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432 (966-2374)
ASSIST. CLERK.....JANICE M. HALL
102 DAWSON ST. BREWTON AL. 36426 (867-2130)

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

CLERK & TREASURER.....IVAN I. STEWART
P.O. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL36562.....(937-8689)
BOARD MEMBERS.....RONALD G. HALL & W.G.PALMER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	YEAR
IVAN STEWART.....P.O. BX 116, PERDIDO, AL 36562.....	1998
MASON CASEY.....RT. 4, BX 115, BREWTON, AL 36426.....	1999
A.L. HOLLINGER.....ROUTE 1, URIAH, AL 36480.....	2000
RALPH BEASLEY.....1621 BEASLEY RD. BREWTON AL 36426.....	2001
TED FRETWELL.....ROUTE 1, URIAH, AL 36480.....	2002

ORDAINING COUNCIL

LYNN BOOTH....P. O. BOX 1651 BAY MINETTE, AL 36507....1998
TONY DOWNEY.....PERDIDO, AL 36562.....1999
W. G. PALMER.....RT. 1, BX 287 CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432.....2000
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT.....ROUTE 1, REPTON, AL 36475.....2001
CLYDE BRULEY.....2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE AL 36502.....2002

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

RAYMOND WOODS...ROUTE 1, URIAH, AL 36480.....1998
(862-2593)

CTS DIRECTOR

GARY BENEFIELD..ROUTE 2, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432.....1998
(966-2132)

CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE

CLYDE BRULEY...2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL 36502.....1998
(368-3027)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

BOBBY BOATWRIGHT...RT. 1, BOX 128-6A, REPTON, AL 36475
LYNN BOOTH.....P.O. BOX 1651 BAY MINETTE, AL 36507
CLYDE BRULEY.....2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL 36502
TONY DOWNEY.....P.O. BOX 91 PERDIDO, AL 36562
B.M. GRAY.....RT. 1, BX 212, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432
RONALD G. HALL.....102 DAWSON ST. BREWTON, AL 36426
W.G. PALMER.....RT. 1, BOX 287, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432

RETIRED MINISTERS

WILLIS MURPHY.....200 S. CARNEY ST. ATMORE, AL 36502

ORDAINED DEACONS

RALPH BEASLEY.....CANAAAN
C.H. BENEFIELD.....UNION GROVE
CALVIN CAIN.....APPLETON
COY LEE CAIN.....APPLETON
RONALD CAIN.....APPLETON
MASON CASEY.....APPLETON
BARRY FILLMORE.....CANAAAN
TED FRETWELL.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS
A.L. HOLLINGER.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS
GUY MILSTEAD.....PINE GROVE
RODGER PRESLEY.....PINE GROVE
CHARLES T. SMITH.....CANAAAN
IVAN I. STEWART.....PINE GROVE
RAYMOND WOODS.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS

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. TRUSTEE'S REPORT
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1997

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT SEMIRAH SPRINGSCHURCH ON OCTOBER 10, 1997 FOR THE 108th ANNUAL SESSION.

BRO. TED FRETWELL OPENED THE MORNING SERVICES BY DIRECTING THE CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. BRO. TONY DOWNEY, HOST PASTOR, CORDIALLY WELCOMED EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION FROM THE THEME "WHAT DOETH THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE." MICAH 6:8

THE MODERATOR, BRO. B. M. GRAY PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. THE CLERK CALLED THE SESSION TO ORDER. A SPECIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED TO DR. RICHARD CORDELL, STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR.

ALL STANDING DELEGATES WERE RECOGNIZED. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT ALL CHURCH LETTERS WERE IN ORDER. THE CLERK READ LETTERS AND A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THEM. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED. DELEGATES WERE SEATED.

WE ADJOURNED OUTSIDE FOR THE "RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP."

BRO. B. M. GRAY LED THE SINGING TO BEGIN THE WORSHIP HOUR. BRO. RONALD HALL LED THE OFFERATORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$44.15 WAS RECEIVED. THE "YOUTH" FROM SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH PROVIDED THE SPECIAL MUSIC.

THE MODERATOR INTRODUCED DR. RICHARD CORDELL AND DR. CORDELL DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE "KNOWING HIS WILL AND DOING HIS WILL" FROM PS. 40:8 PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

A SPECIAL OFFERING OF \$119.90 WAS RECEIVED FOR DR. CORDELL.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10, 1997

BRO. IVAN STEWART OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. SPECIAL SINGING BY JUDY MARION AND ELLA RUTH HALL.

BRO. B. M. GRAY PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FROM PINE GROVE CHURCH WAS READ. "PINE GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH REQUEST THAT LLOYD AMMONS NOT BE ISSUED A PASTOR'S CARD AND THAT HIS LICENSES BE PULLED FOR LACK OF PARTICIPATION." ACTION ON THIS REQUEST WAS DELAYED UNTIL A LATER TIME.

STATISTICAL REPORTS WERE DISTRIBUTED AND MINISTERS WERE ASKED TO TURN THEIR CARDS IN TO CLERK.

THIS SESSION WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL SATURDAY, OCT. 11, 1997

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 10, 1997

THE EVENING SERVICES WERE OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY. SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY THE GROUP FROM UNION GROVE CHURCH.

BRO. LYNN BOOTH DELIVERED THE EVENING MESSAGE. PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1997

SERVICES WERE OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. TED FRETWELL.

BRO. TONY DOWNEY, HOST PASTOR EXTENDED A CORDIAL WELCOME AND LED IN PRAYER.

THE MORNING DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BRO. CLYDE BRULEY FROM JOHN 21:15-22. PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

BRO. B. M. GRAY CALLED SESSION TO ORDER. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE GIVEN.

FINANCES.....	SIS. ANNIE JO BAGGETT
LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS.....	BRO. IVAN STEWART
CHILDREN'S HOME.....	BRO. CLYDE BRULEY

THE MODERATOR INSTRUCTED THE ORDAINING COUNCIL TO REPORT BACK TO BODY THE CORRECT PROCEDURE TO HANDLE THE LLOYD AMMONS SITUATION.

THE WORSHIP HOUR WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. IVAN STEWART.

SPECIAL MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY CANAAN CHURCH. BRO. TONY DOWNEY DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM JEREMIAH 20:9, ACTS 1:8. PRAYER BY BRO. DOWNEY.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 11, 1997

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS BEGUN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY.

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY PINE GROVE CHURCH.

BRO. GRAY PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT ALL MINISTERS EXCEPT LLOYD AMMONS RECEIVE A NEW CARD. CLERK READ CARDS AND NEW ONES WERE PRESENTED TO MINISTERS.

ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

STATE HOME MISSIONS & ALA. HOME MISSIONS BE EARMARKED TO BRO. DENNIS HAYGOOD. FOREIGN MISSIONS EARMARKED TO DAVE FRANKS JR. MOTION MADE, SECONDED & PASSED TO EXCEPT.

BRO. IVAN STEWART SPOKE WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR MINISTERS.

A MOTION WAS MADE THAT A VISITING MINISTER OR SPEAKER INVITED TO SPEAK BE GIVEN TIME FOR BUSINESS SEPARATE FROM MESSAGE. MOTION SECONDED & PASSED.

THE CLERK GAVE OUT A SCHEDULE FOR THE MEETINGS THIS NEXT YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES WERE TO GO TO STATE ASSOCIATION IN BIRMINGHAM. RUTHEL PALMER, GWEN STEWART, EVELYN JOHNSON, JANICE HALL, ANNIE JO BAGGETT AND JUDY MARION.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:

MODERATOR.....	RONALD G. HALL
ASSIST. MODERATOR.....	W. G. PALMER
CLERK.....	ANNIE JO BAGGETT
EX. COMMITTEE.....	TED FRETWELL
ORDAINING COUNCIL.....	CLYDE BRULEY / LYNN BOOTH
HOME MISSION TREAS.....	IVAN STEWART
BD. MEMBER.....	W. G. PALMER

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, APPRECIATION WAS SHOWN TO HOST CHURCH AND THE SESSION WAS ADJOURNED.

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DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

APPLETON—JUDY MARION, ELLA RUTH HALL, JANICE HALL
CANAAN—FAYE FILLMORE, TAMMY SMITH, MARY GRISSETT
PINE GROVE—GWEN STEMART, ROSS PRESLEY, PATSY PRESLEY
RANGE—EVELYN JOHNSON, MARIE GREEN, RUTH CRUTCHFIELD
SEMIRAH SPRINGS—YVONNE JOHNSON, HELEN DEESE, GENETA WOODS
UNION GROVE—MARGIE FINDLEY, RUTHEL PALMER, BETTY GRAY

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MINISTERS' REPORT

	SERMONS	CHURCHES	PRO. WITNESS	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	REVIVALS	FUNERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
LLOYD AMMONS	4								
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	98	1	1	3	3		2	1	\$ 8,025.00
LYNN BOOTH	98	1						1	\$ 1,500.00
CLYDE BRULEY	100	1	2	12	16		1		\$ 7,280.00
TONY DOWNY	104	1					1	1	\$ 12,675.00
B. M. GRAY	97	1	2	2	1				\$ 9,400.00
RONALD G. HALL	101	1	5	5	4		5	1	\$ 18,200.00
W. G. PALMER	12						4		\$ 475.00

QUARTERLY MEETINGS' REPORT

FIRST MEETING - UNION GROVE - January 11, 1997

1. State & National Home Missions earmarked to Dennis Haygood. Foreign Missions earmarked to Dave Franks Sr. & Jr.
2. Motion made & passed to buy a copier, a computer and a fire-proof file cabinet for Clerk.

SECOND MEETING - PINE GROVE - April 12, 1997

1. Loan approved for \$10,000 to Semirah Springs Church.
2. Ordination of Lynn Booth to the Ministry.
3. State Home Missions earmarked to Fred Jones. National Home Missions earmarked to Dennis Haygood. Foreign Missions earmarked to Dave Franks, Sr.
4. Changes in Retirement Program as follows:
 - (a) Accept new recipients
 - (b) Add Rev. W. G. Palmer and Sis. Annie Jo Baggett as recipients.
 - (c) To qualify, a minister must be in good standing with the Association for at least 5 years and be at least 65 years of age.
 - (d) If a minister dies while on the program, his wife will continue to receive from the program as long as she remains unmarried and in good standing with the Association.
 - (e) Final decisions to be made by the body.

THIRD MEETING - RANGE CHURCH - July 12, 1997

1. Ordination of Bro. Charles Smith as Deacon of Canaan Church.
2. State & National Home Missions earmarked to Dennis Haygood. Foreign Missions earmarked to Dave Franks, Jr.
3. Changed Article V, Section 10 to read "(A) The Liberty No. 1 Home Missions' money can be loaned to churches at no

interest for church related projects or can be used for associational expenses if body agrees by a majority vote."

4. Changed Article V, Section 15 to read, "National Home Missions (5%), Ala Home Missions (10%), Liberty No. 1 Home Missions (15%) and Retirement (30%)".

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of Liberty No. 1 Association met May 3, 1997 at Canaan FWB Church, Brewton, AL, with all churches present.

Song Service was led by Bro. Ivan Stewart. Bro. Clyde Bruley, Host Pastor, welcomed all.

The devotion was given by Bro. Ronald Hall. Taken from the program theme, "Teach me thy ways, O Lord", and II Tim. 2:15.

The offertory prayer and prayer for the sick was led by Bro. Clyde Bruley. Amount received was \$123.50.

Programs were presented by: Semirah Springs, Canaan, Union Grove and Appleton. These were enjoyed by all.

Bro. Raymond Woods conducted the business session. Minutes were read from last meeting and approved. Perfect attendance certificates were awarded.

Bro. Raymond Woods was re-elected for another year. Bro. W. G. Palmer led the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the food prepared by host church. The day was enjoyed by all.

Geneta Woods, Sec.

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

BALANCE IN TREASURER 10/1/96.....	\$ 60,622.59
PLUS: DEPOSIT - 10% MONEY.....	2,736.47
INTEREST (MONEY MARKET INCOME).....	728.76
INTEREST (CD).....	<u>1,118.65</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 65,206.47
LESS: COMPUTER PURCHASED 8/23/97.....	<u>- 1,921.78</u>
GRAND TOTAL...	\$ 63,284.69

LESS NOTES

APPLETON.....	\$ 4,166.80
SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....	<u>8,750.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 12,916.80 - \$ <u>12,916.80</u>

BALANCE IN BANK 10/1/97.....	\$ 50,367.89
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IVAN STEWART, CHAIRMAN
REV. W. G. PALMER
REV. BERNICE GRAY

CTS RALLY

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY. A CORDIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED BY BRO. RONALD HALL, HOST PASTOR. BRO. HALL LED IN PRAYER ALSO

BRO. TONY DOWNEY GAVE THE DEVOTION, USING THE THEME PS. 119:105 PRAYER BY BRO. DOWNEY. OFFERING OF \$28.10 WAS RECEIVED.

GARY BENEFIELD PRESIDED OVER THE PROGRAMS & BUSINESS. PROGRAMS WERE GIVEN BY SEMIRAH SPRINGS, UNION GROVE & APPLETON.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO THOSE WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR.

BRO. BENEFIELD ALSO AWARDED SIS ANNIE JO BAGGETT FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE FOR GOD AND LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOC.

BRO. BENEFIELD WAS RE-ELECTED TO CTS DIRECTOR FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

DISMISSED WITH PRAYER. HOST CHURCH PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP WITH ALL.

**LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
october 8, 1997**

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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/7/96

\$ 4,654.84

DEPOSITS:

1. ASSOC. OFFERINGS - 1996	\$	91.00
2. 1ST QTR. MEETING		39.50
3. 2ND QTR. MEETING		41.10
4. 3RD QTR. MEETING		50.09
5. ASSOC. FEES		540.00
6. S. S. CONVENTION		123.50
7. CTS RALLY		28.10
8. <u>10% MONEY</u> : - APPLETON	\$	5,497.68
CANAAN		1,391.26
PINE GROVE		534.33
RANGE		1,851.93
SEMIRAH SPRINGS		2,522.80
UNION GROVE		2,467.91
9. TREATISE SOLD -		6.00
10. TRANSFER FROM LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION		5,251.42

TOTAL DEPOSITS

\$ 20,436.62

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

\$ 25,091.46

EXPENDITURES:

1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	\$	1,398.05
2. CHILDREN'S HOME		2,097.07
3. BIBLE COLLEGE		699.13
4. FOREIGN MISSIONS		1,398.05
5. NAT. HOME MISSIONS		1,219.02
6. ALA. HOME MISSIONS		1,918.03
7. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS		2,617.06
8. RETIREMENT		2,700.00
9. 1996 ASSOC. MINUTES		48.13
10. 1996 ASSOC. OFFERINGS		91.00
11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.		300.00
12. OFFICERS FEES		175.00
13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, TELEPHONE CALLS		92.06
14. CTS RALLY		67.48
15. COPIER & FIRE PROOF CABINET		3,329.64
16. COMPUTER & PRINTER		1,921.78

\$ 20,071.50

TOTAL PAID OUT

CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/8/97

\$ 5,019.96

RETIREMENT FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/7/96

\$ 3,243.27

10% MONIES

+ 2,634.19

DISBURSEMENTS

- 2,700.00

BALANCE AS OF 10/8/97

3,177.46

ANNIE JO BAGGETT TREAS.

EXPENDITURE REPORT - ANNUAL 1997

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	5,497.68	1,391.26	534.33	1,851.93	2,522.80	2,467.91		14,265.91
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.						200.00	1,398.05	1,598.05
CHILDREN'S HOME		479.42			232.00	500.00	2,097.07	3,308.49
RETIREMENT FUND							2,634.19	2,634.19
BIBLE COLLEGE							699.13	699.13
ASSOC. TREAS.	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	285.31	540.00
MISSIONS			GIDEON'S 61.00		GIDEON'S 100.00	GIDEON'S 100.00		261.00
WNAC LIBERTY NO. 1							2,617.06	2,617.06
NAT. HOME MISSION					84.00	119.60	1,219.02	1,422.62
ALA. HOME MISSION			51.00		62.00		1,918.03	2,031.03
FOREIGN MISSIONS			100.00		337.00	200.00	1,398.05	2,035.05
LOCAL EXPENDITURES								
GUEST SPEAKERS						350.00		350.00
PASTOR	18,200.00	6,750.00	1,645.00	8,025.00	12,675.00	9,400.00		56,695.00
LITERATURE	3,395.78	1,058.99	186.60	418.76	596.29	883.73		6,540.15
EVANGELIST	1,050.00	585.00	50.00	350.00	300.00	550.00		2,885.00
BLDG. & REPAIRS	2,082.63	1,514.65	4,474.98		5,200.00	10,873.57		24,145.83
MISCELLANEOUS	31,833.30	2,782.54	1,644.78	2,686.53	3,958.94	2,375.66		45,281.75
OTHER	750.00				350.00	2,000.00		3,100.00
LOAN PAYMENTS	6,249.96				1,930.00			8,179.96
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	54,892.62	13,606.77	5,343.50	18,179.58	25,227.50	24,679.05		141,929.02

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 1997

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	4	17	0	3	0	1	25
<u>BAPTISM</u>	4	12		2		1	19
<u>LETTER</u>		5		1			6
<u>CONF. FAITH</u>							
MEMBERS DISMISSED	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
<u>LETTER</u>							
<u>*DECEASED</u>	1			1	1		3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	79	55	36	43	39	44	296
<u>ACTIVE</u>	79	37	11	31	22	33	213
<u>IN ACTIVE</u>		18	25	12	17	11	83
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS							
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	58	30	10	21	20	20	159
<u>CTS</u>	32				15	18	65
<u>AUXILIARY</u>		9		9	8		26
<u>MID - WEEK SERV.</u>	30				15	15	60

BEULAH COOPER, AGE 88, MEMBER - APPLETON CHURCH, DIED 7/30/97
 RUBY LEE BAGGETT, AGE 80, MEMBER - RANGE CHURCH, DIED 12/9/96
 JOHNNY FLOYD WOODS, AGE 71, MEMBER - SEMIRAH SPRINGS, DIED 8/17/97

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 1 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 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, DATED 1981, PAGE 51, 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 OR WHOSE WIFE HAS MORE THAN ONE LIVING HUSBAND OR USE A MINISTER FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION AS PASTOR 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 CENTS 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 OR CAN BE USED FOR ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES IF BODY AGREES BY A MAJORITY VOTE.. 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 . (G) WHEN A NEW CHURCH IS RECEIVED INTO THE ASSOCIATION, THAT CHURCH MUST BE IN "GOOD STANDING" FOR THREE (3) YEARS BEFORE THAT CHURCH IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A LOAN. (H) NO CHURCH MAY APPLY FOR A LOAN UNLESS IT IS IN "GOOD STANDING" WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 11. (A) EACH CHURCH SHALL SEND THE SUM OF \$20.00 WITH EACH QUARTERLY MEETING LETTER, (B) EACH CHURCH SHALL SEND THE SUM OF \$30.00 WITH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION LETTER; (C) THE CLERK SHALL BE PAID \$100.00, ASSISTANT CLERK \$25.00 AND MODERATOR \$50.00, (D) DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO PAY \$50.00 PER CHURCH FOR STATE FEES.

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 EXPENSE.

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—5%; RETIREMENT & INSURANCE—30%; FOREIGN MISSIONS—10%; NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS—5%; ALABAMA FWB MISSIONS—10%; AND LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION—15%; STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR—10%; (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 ASSOCIATION TREASURY.

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 WHATEVER WAYS MAY BE NECESSARY.

BOARDS

I. 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 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.
- B. THE CHURCH WHERE CTS RALLY IS TO BE HELD IS IN CHARGE OF MAIN PROGRAM. EACH CHURCH IS ENCOURAGED TO BRING SKIT OR PROGRAM AT RALLY IN ADDITION TO MAIN PROGRAM.

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	CLERK'S TELEPHONE
APPLETON 867-2130	RONALD G. HALL 102 DAWSON STREET BREWTON, AL 36426	SUSAN COOPER 10050 APPLETON RD. BREWTON, AL 36426	867-4526
CANAAN 368-3027	CLYDE BRULEY 2032 J.J. CIRCLE ATMORE, AL 36502	FRANCES BEASLEY 1621 BEASLEY RD. BREWTON, AL 36426	867-6756
PINE GROVE 937-1437 (334)	LYNN BOOTH P. O. BOX 1651 BAYMINETTE, AL 36507	PHILLIP D. PRESLEY 23041 CO. RD 47 PERDIDO, AL 36562	580-0534
RANGE 248-2601	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT ROUTE 1, BOX 128-6A REPTON, AL 36475	GEORGIA ENGLISH RT. 1 BOX 128-K REPTON, AL 36475	248-2502
SEMIRAH SPRINGS 937-5967	TONY DOWNEY P. O. BOX 91 PERDIDO, AL 36562	GENETA WOODS 3847 S. PALMER RD. BOX 410 URIAH, AL 36480	862-2593
UNION GROVE 966-2389	BERNICE M. GRAY ROUTE 1, BOX 212 CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432	APRIL GRAY ROUTE 1, BOX 212 CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432	966-2389

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

HAVING GIVEN OURSELVES TO GOD, BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, AND ADOPTED THE WORD OF GOD AS OUR RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE, WE NOW GIVE OURSELVES TO ONE ANOTHER BY THE WILL OF GOD IN THIS SOLEMN COVENANT.

WE PROMISE BY HIS GRACE TO LOVE AND OBEY HIM IN ALL THINGS, TO AVOID ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL, TO ABSTAIN FROM ALL SINFUL AMUSEMENTS AND UNHOLY CONFORMITY TO THE WORLD, FROM ALL SANCTION OF THE USE AND SALE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, AND TO PROVIDE THINGS HONEST IN THE SIGHT OF ALL MEN.

WE AGREE FAITHFULLY TO DISCHARGE OUR OBLIGATIONS IN REFERENCE TO STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES, SECRET PRAYER, FAMILY DEVOTIONS, AND SOCIAL WORSHIP, AND BY SELF-DENIAL, FAITH, AND GOOD WORKS ENDEAVOR TO GROW IN GRACE AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

WE WILL NOT FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR CHURCH 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 PRINCIPLES 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.