



**ONE HUNDRED NINETH**

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATION**

**of the**

**LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION**

**of**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**



**1998**

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**ONE HUNDRED 9th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION**  
**of LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION**  
**of FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**held with**  
**CANAAN FWB CHURCH**  
**BREWTON, AL**

**OCTOBER 9 & 10 1998**

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**QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

1st.....RANGE.....JANUARY 9, 1999  
2nd.....APPLETON.....APRIL 10, 1999  
3rd.....CANAAN.....JULY 10, 1999

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....MAY 1, 1999

**CTS RALLY**

UNION GROVE.....AUGUST 6, 1999

**NEXT ASSOCIATION**

PINE GROVE.....OCTOBER 8 & 9, 1999

**MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE**

JANUARY 1, 1999.....UNION GROVE  
MARCH 26, 1999.....APPLETON  
JUNE 25, 1999.....CANAAN  
SEPTEMBER 24, 1999.....PINE GROVE

## 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.....JUDY MARION  
1221 TIPPENS EDDY ROAD, BREWTON, AL 36426 (867-9136)  
ASSIST. CLERK.....ANNIE JO BAGGETT  
ROUTE 1, BOX 212-A, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432 (966-2374)

## 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
MASON CASEY.....122 CASEY ST., BREWTON, AL 36426.....	1999
A.L. HOLLINGER ....3745 S.PALMER RD., URIAH,AL 36480.....	2000
RALPH BEASLEY.....1621 BEASLEY RD. BREWTON AL 36426.....	2001
TED FRETWELL.....3789 S.PALMER RD., URIAH,AL 36480.....	2002
IVAN STEWART.....P.O. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL 36562.....	2003

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

TONY DOWNEY.....P.O. BOX 91, PERDIDO, AL 36562.....	1999
W. G. PALMER.....RT. 1, BX 287 CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432.....	2000
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT....RT.1,BOX 128-K,REPTON,AL 36475.....	2001
CLYDE BRULEY.....2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE AL 36502.....	2002
B.M. GRAY.....RT. 1, BX 212, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432.....	2003

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

RAYMOND WOODS...3847 S. PALMER RD.,URIAH,36480.....1999  
(862-2593)

## CTS DIRECTOR

GARY BENEFIELD....RT. 2, BX 44, CASTLEBERRY, 36432.....1999  
(966-2132)

## CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE

CLYDE BRULEY...2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL 36502.....2000  
(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.....CANAAN  
C.H. BENEFIELD.....UNION GROVE  
COY LEE CAIN.....APPLETON  
RONALD CAIN.....APPLETON  
MASON CASEY.....APPLETON  
BARRY FILLMORE.....CANAAN  
TED FRETWELL.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS  
A.L. HOLLINGER.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS  
GUY MILSTEAD.....PINE GROVE  
PHILLIP PRESLEY.....PINE GROVE  
RODGER PRESLEY.....PINE GROVE  
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 9, 1998

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT CANAAN CHURCH ON OCTOBER 9, 1998 FOR THE 109th ANNUAL SESSION.

REV. CLYDE BRULEY OPENED THE MORNING SERVICES BY DIRECTING THE CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. BRO. BRULEY, HOST PASTOR, CORDIALLY WELCOMED EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

REV. RONALD HALL GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, "WHAT IS A DENOMINATION?" FROM MATT. 28:16-20. PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

THE MODERATOR, BRO. RONALD HALL PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. THE CLERK CALLED THE SESSION TO ORDER. A SPECIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED TO ALL VISITORS AND BRO. HALL RECOGNIZED THE STANDING DELEGATES.

THE CLERK READ THE MINUTES AND A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THEM AS READ. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

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. TED FRETWELL LED THE SINGING TO BEGIN THE WORSHIP HOUR. BRO. RALPH BEASLEY LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$37.06 WAS RECEIVED. THE SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH PROVIDED THE SPECIAL MUSIC.

REV. W.G. PALMER DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM PHIL.3:8-10. PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 9, 1998

BRO. CLYDE BRULEY OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. PRAYER BY BRO. RALPH BEASLEY.

BRO. RONALD HALL PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. THE MINISTERS WERE ASKED TO TURN THEIR CARDS IN TO CLERK SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COULD EXAMINE THEM.

STATISTICAL REPORTS WERE DISTRIBUTED.

BRO. HALL READ A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE IN SECTION 15 OF THE CONSTITUTION PERTAINING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR 10% MONIES; NAT. HOME MISSIONS - 10% AND LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS - 10%. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THESE CHANGES IN SECTION 15, MOTION SECONDED. A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THIS MOTION UNTIL THE SATURDAY SESSION. MOTION SECONDED, MOTION PASSED.

THIS SESSION WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 1998.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 9, 1998

THE EVENING SERVICES WERE OPENED BY BRO. CLYDE BRULEY LEADING IN PRAYER. BRO. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT GAVE THE DEVOTION FROM PHIL.3:10 AND PSALM 23:1 PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

AFTER DEVOTION, WE ALL JOINED TOGETHER FOR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. EVERYONE ENJOYED THIS VERY MUCH. SIS. GWEN STEWART PLAYED PIANO AND SONGS WERE LED BY BRO. CLYDE BRULEY AND BRO. IVAN STEWART.

DISMISSED WITH PRAYER.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1998

SERVICES WERE OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. CLYDE BRULEY.

BRO. BRULEY, HOST PASTOR, ALSO EXTENDED A CORDIAL WELCOME AND LED IN PRAYER. A SHORT TESTIMONY SERVICE WAS HELD AND BRO. B.M. GRAY GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION FROM PALSM 19:1&2. PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

BRO. HALL PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN. A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO EARMARK THE FOLLOWING: STATE MISSIONS TO FRED JONES AND DENNIS HAYGOOD, FOREIGN MISSIONS TO DAVE FRANKS, SR.&JR.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AND RECOM-



MENDATIONS. MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

BRO. ALLEN GRAY OPENED THE WORSHIP HOUR WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. PRAYER BY REV. W.G. PALMER. AN OFFERING OF \$67.01 WAS RECEIVED.

BRO. CLYDE BRULEY AND SIS. GENETA WOODS SANG, "TILL THE STORM PASSES BY".

REV. TONY DOWNEY DELIVERED THE MESSAGE "SUFFERING FOR CHRIST". SCRIPTURE TAKEN FROM HEB. 11:32-36 AND MATT. 26:31. PRAYER BY SPEAKER. DISMISSED FOR LUNCH.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10, 1998

BRO. IVAN STEWART LED THE CONGREGATIONAL SINGING AND LED IN PRAYER.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE MINISTERS CARDS BE READ AND THAT NEW ONES BE GIVEN EACH MINISTER. CLERK READ CARDS TO BODY.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO REMOVE FROM TABLE THE RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE SECTION 15 OF THE CONSTITUTION TO THE FOLLOWING: NAT. HOME MISSIONS - 10% AND LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS - 10%. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE CLERK DISTRIBUTED THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR AND RECEIVED THE NAMES OF DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: GWEN STEWART, RUTHEL PALMER, JUDY MARION, JANICE HALL, EVELYN JOHNSON AND ANNIE JO BAGGETT.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR:

MODERATOR.....	RONALD G. HALL
ASSIST. MODERATOR.....	W. G. PALMER
CLERK.....	JUDY MARION
EX. COMMITTEE.....	IVAN STEWART
ORDAINING COUNCIL.....	B.M. GRAY
HOME MISSION TREAS.....	IVAN STEWART
BD. MEMBER.....	W.G. PALMER
CHILDREN'S HOME.....	CLYDE BRULEY

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, BECKY CASEY  
CANAAAN—OUIDA GRISSETT, TAMMY SMITH, MARY GRISSETT  
PINE GROVE—GWEN STEWART, ROSS PRESLEY, PATSY PRESLEY  
RANGE—EVELYN JOHNSON, GEORGIA ENGLISH, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT  
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
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	102	1				1	4		\$ 8,925.00
LYNN BOOTH									
CLYDE BRULEY	103	1	1	1	1		2		\$ 7,280.00
TONY DOWNY	104	1					1		\$ 14,175.00
B. M. GRAY	80	1		11	7		1		\$ 9,350.00
RONALD G. HALL	101	1	3	1	2		2	1	\$ 18,550.00
W. G. PALMER	18		3	5		1	4		\$ 1,225.00



## QUARTERLY MEETINGS' REPORT

### FIRST MEETING - PINE GROVE CHURCH - JANUARY 10, 1998

1. State Home Missions ear-marked to Dennis Haygood. Nat. Home Missions ear-marked to Roger Raper and Len Blanchard and Foreign Missions ear-marked to Dave Franks, Jr.
2. Motion made to approve a loan of \$8,000 to Pine Grove Church for vinyl siding around church.
3. Bro. Phillip Presley was ordained as deacon.
4. Motion made to re-imburse Bro. Palmer \$120 for Bro. Cordell's expenses when he was here for a meeting. Amendment was made to take this money from the Promotional Director's allocation this quarter.
5. Approved service contract for copier each year.

### SECOND MEETING - RANGE CHURCH - APRIL, 1998

1. Motion made to enroll Rev. Clyde Bruley as a recipient of the Retirement Fund, effective March 1, 1998.
2. Motion made to give Clerk permission to issue Retirement check first of month after the 65th birthday of minister.
3. State Home Missions ear-marked to Fred Jones; National Home Missions ear-marked to Dennis Haygood and Foreign Missions ear-marked to Dave Franks, Sr. & Jr.

### THIRD MEETING - APPLETON CHURCH - JULY 11, 1998

1. Bro. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, delivered morning message.
2. A special offering of \$82 was received for Bro. Cash.
3. State Home Missions ear-marked to Dennis Haygood and Fred Jones; Nat. Home Missions ear-marked to Roger Raper and Len Blanchard; Foreign Missions ear-marked to Dave Franks, Sr. & Jr.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of Liberty No. 1 Association met May 2, 1998 at Union Grove FWB Church, Castleberry, AL, with all churches present but one.

Song Service was led by Bro. B.M. Gray. Bro. B.M.Gray, Host Pastor, welcomed all.

The devotion was given by Bro. Ronald Hall. Taken from the program theme, "Choose you this day." Joshua 24:15

The offertory prayer was led by Bro. Clyde Bruley. Amount received was \$35.00.

Programs were presented by: Union Grove, Range, Appleton. and Semirah Springs. 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. Bobby Boatwright led the closing prayer and asked God's 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 10/1/97.....	\$ 63,284.69
PLUS: DEPOSIT - 10% MONEY.....	2,287.38
INTEREST (MONEY MARKET INCOME).....	315.13
INTEREST ( CD ).....	<u>1,822.74</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 67,709.94
LESS: SUPPLIES FOR CLERK.....	<u>-3,329.64</u>
(copy machine, fire proof filing cabinet)	
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$ 64,380.30
LESS NOTES	
PINE GROVE.....	\$ 6,720.00
SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....	<u>5,500.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 12,220.00
	<u>- \$ 12,220.00</u>
BALANCE IN BANK 10/1/98.....	\$ 52,160.30
IVAN STEWART, CHAIRMAN	
REV. W. G. PALMER	
REV. BERNICE GRAY	

### CTS RALLY

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS HELD AT SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 7, 1998.

THE RALLY WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. TED FRETWELL AND A CORDIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED BY BRO. TONY DOWNEY, THE HOST PASTOR, BRO. DOWNEY LED IN PRAYER AFTER THE WELCOME ADDRESS.

BRO. RONALD HALL GAVE THE DEVOTION, USING THE THEME FROM PROVERBS 22:6 AND PRAYER WAS BY BRO. RONALD HALL.

AN OFFERING OF \$44.00 WAS RECEIVED.

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

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

BRO. BENEFIELD ALSO AWARDED SIS. GENETA WOODS FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION AND SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH.

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

APRIL BENEFIELD WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AS CTS SECRETARY FOR THE COMING YEAR.

AFTER BUSINESS AND DISMISSED WITH PRAYER, THE HOST CHURCH PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

APRIL BENEFIELD, CTS SEC.

**LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
October 8, 1998**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/8/97**

**\$ 5,019.96**

**DEPOSITS:**

1. ASSOC. OFFREINGS-1997	\$ 88.60
2. 1ST QTR. MEETING	63.10
3. 2ND QTR. MEETING	49.25
4. 3RD QTR. MEETING	45.22
5. ASSOC. FEES	540.00
6. S.S. CONVENTION	35.00
7. CTS RALLY	44.00
8. 10% MONEY: - APPLETON	\$ 6,200.60
CANAAN	1,381.76
PINE GROVE	636.04
RANGE	1,832.90
SEMIRAH SPRINGS	2,594.32
UNION GROVE	3,113.64
9. TREATISE SOLD -	14.00
10. SPECIAL OFFERINGS (CORDELL & CASH)	201.90

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**TOTAL DEPOSITS**

**\$ 16,840.33**

**TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE**

**\$ 21,860.29**

**EXPENDITURES:**

1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	1,544.41
2. CHILDREN'S HOME	2,316.62
3. BIBLE COLLEGE	772.20
4. FOREIGN MISSIONS	1,544.41
5. NAT. HOME MISSIONS	772.20
6. ALA. HOME MISSIONS	1,544.41
7. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS	2,316.62
8. RETIREMENT	4,125.00
9. 1997 ASSOC. MINUTES	25.00
10. 1997 ASSOC. OFFERINGS	88.60
11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.	300.00
12. OFFICERS FEES	175.00
13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, TELEPHONE CALLS	188.70
14. CTS RALLY	29.98
15. SERVICE CONTRACT - COPIER	385.00
16. EXPENSE - PROMOTIONAL OFFICE	201.90

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**TOTAL PAID OUT**

**\$16,330.05**

**CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/9/98**

**\$ 5,530.24**

**RETIREMENT FUND**

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/8/97	\$ 3,177.46
10% MONIES	+ 4,633.22
DISBURSEMENTS	- 4,125.00

**BALANCE AS OF 10/9/98**

**\$ 3,685.68**

## EXPENDITURE REPORT - ANNUAL 1998

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	6,200.60	1,381.76	636.04	1,832.90	2,594.32	3,113.64		15,759.26
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.							1,544.41	1,544.41
CHILDREN'S HOME		282.70			75.00		2,316.62	2,674.32
RETIREMENT FUND							4,633.22	4,633.22
BIBLE COLLEGE							772.20	772.20
ASSOC. TREAS.	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	315.17	855.17
MISSIONS:					205.00	100.00	(OTHERS)	305.00
LIBERTY NO. 1							2,316.62	2,316.62
NAT. HOME MISSION					75.00		772.20	847.20
ALA. HOME MISSION							1,544.41	1,544.41
FOREIGN MISSIONS					50.00		1,544.41	1,594.41
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:					50.00	(WNAC)		50.00
GUEST SPEAKERS						750.00		750.00
PASTOR	18,550.00	7,420.00	1,640.00	8,925.00	14,175.00	9,350.00		60,060.00
LITERATURE	3,246.40	684.72	193.55	313.74	690.47	1,026.99		6,155.87
EVANGELIST	1,070.00	450.00		400.00	300.00	500.00		2,720.00
BLDG. & REPAIRS	4,238.77	3,434.91	8,751.38	861.78	1,379.52	8,887.17		27,523.63
MISCELLANEOUS	22,713.84	4,238.77	2,000.03	4,160.73	4,946.88	3,894.36		41,954.61
OTHER	1,850.00			172.49	550.00	650.00		3,222.49
LOAN PAYMENTS	4,166.80		1,280.00		3,250.00			8,696.80
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	62,002.62	14,019.56	6,361.27	16,592.42	25,943.16	31,136.46		156,055.49

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 1998

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	2	1	2	0	0	7	12
BAPTISM LETTER CONF.FAITH	2	1	2			5 2	6 2 4
MEMBERS DISMISSED	3	1	0	2	0	1	7
LETTER *DECEASED	3	1		2		1	3 4
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	80	52	13	41	33	45	264
ACTIVE	55	29	13	29	22	30	178
IN ACTIVE	25	23		12	11	15	86
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS							
SUNDAY SCHOOL	72	18	10	18	22	29	169
CTS	37	0	0	0	16	26	79
AUXILIARY	0	9	0	8	8	0	25
MID - WEEK SERV.	30	15	0	0	18	23	86

\*ANNIE LOU BOATWRIGHT, AGE 79, MEMBER - RANGE CHURCH, DIED 4/7/98  
 EDMOND JACKSON, AGE 92, MEMBER - RANGE CHURCH, DIED 8/19/98  
 LAURA ESTHER GRAY, AGE 82, CLERK - UNION GROVE CHURCH, DIED 7/11/98  
 PHILAN FINDLEY, AGE 81, RETIRED MINISTER, CANAAN CHURCH, DIED 6/26/98



# 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 10%; ALABAMA FWB MISSIONS—10%; AND LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION—10%; 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	FAYE FILLMORE 6490 WALLACE RD. BREWTON, AL 36426	
PINE GROVE 937-1437	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.