



**ONE HUNDRED TENTH**

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATION**

**of the**

**LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION**

**of**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**



**1999**

MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED TENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH  
PINE GROVE FWB CHURCH  
PERDIDO, AL.

OCTOBER 8 & 9 1999

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st.....PINE GROVE.....JANUARY 8, 2000  
2nd.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....APRIL 8, 2000  
3rd.....CANAAN.....JULY 8, 2000

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

RANGE.....MAY 6, 2000

CTS RALLY

APPLETON.....AUGUST 4, 2000

NEXT ASSOCIATION

UNION GROVE.....OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2000

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 31, 1999.....RANGE  
MARCH 24, 2000..... SEMIRAH SPRINGS  
JUNE 23, 2000.....UNION GROVE  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2000.....APPLETON

## 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.....WENDY MARION  
1221 TIPPENS EDDY ROAD, BREWTON AL 36426 (867-9136)

## 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
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
MASON CASEY.....122 CASEY ST., BREWTON, AL 36426.....	2004

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

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
TONY DOWNEY.....P.O. BOX 91, PERDIDO, AL 36562.....	2004

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

RAYMOND WOODS...3847 S. PALMER RD.,URIAH,36480.....2000  
(862-2593)

## CTS DIRECTOR

GARY BENEFIELD....RT. 2, BX 44, CASTLEBERRY, 36432.....2000  
(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  
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  
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

862-2600

## PROCEEDINGS

### FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1999

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT PINE GROVE CHURCH ON OCTOBER 8, 1999 FOR THE 110th ANNUAL SESSION.

REV. CLYDE BRULEY OPENED THE MORNING SERVICES BY DIRECTING THE CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. BRO. IVAN STEWART, CORDIALLY WELCOMED EVERYONE AND GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, FROM PSALMS 100 PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

THE ASSIST. MODERATOR, REV. GRADY PALMER, GAVE THE MODERATOR'S MESSAGE, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

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

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

BRO. IVAN STEWART LED THE SINGING TO BEGIN THE WORSHIP HOUR. BRO. IVAN STEWART LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$30.57 WAS RECEIVED. PINE GROVE CHURCH PROVIDED THE SPECIAL MUSIC.

REV. W.G. PALMER DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 8, 1999

BRO. TED FRETWELL OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, WITH SPECIAL SINGING BY PINE GROVE.

REV. CLYDE BRULEY GAVE THE DEVOTION FROM PSALMS 103, REV. GRADY PALMER LED IN PRAYER.

THE ASSIST. MODERATOR, REV. GRADY PALMER, PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS.

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 THE LETTERS AND A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THEM. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED. DELEGATES WERE SEATED.

THE MINISTERS WERE ASKED TO TURN THEIR CARDS IN TO CLERK SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COULD EXAMINE THEM.

THIS SESSION WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL SATURDAY, OCT. 9, 1999.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 8, 1999

THE EVENING SERVICES WERE OPENED BY BRO. IVAN STEWART CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY PINE GROVE CHURCH.

REV. RONALD HALL GAVE THE MESSAGE FROM EPHESIANS 2:1 AND OTHER SCRIPTURES. PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1999

SERVICES WERE OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY

BRO. IVAN STEWART EXTENDED A CORDIAL WELCOME AND LED IN PRAYER.

REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, WITH 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 MIKE AND CATHY CORELY, JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER. AND NATIONAL TO ROGER RAPER. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

THE WORSHIP HOUR WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY REV BERNICE GRAY. PRAYER BY REV, GRADY PALMER. AN OFFERING OF \$60.00 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL SINGING BY PINE GROVE AND SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH WAS ENJOYED BY EVERYONE.-.



REV. TONY DOWNEY DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM DEUTERONOMY 33:26-29, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 9, 1999

BRO. BUSTER HOLLINGER 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 GIVE BRO. IVAN STEWART PERMISSION TO MAKE DECISION BETWEEN MONEY MARKET OR PASSPORT SAVING FOR BEST INTEREST MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO CHANGE ASSOCIATION TO A ONE DAY MEETING. MOTION TABLED TILL FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING.

MOTION MADE TO SEND \$200.00 TO THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND IN NORTH CAROLINA, WAS AMENDED TO \$500.00 MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

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, ANNIE JO PARTAIN AND BILL PARTAIN.

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.....	TONY DOWNEY
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—ELLA RUTH HALL, WILLIE JOE WILSON, BECKY CASEY  
CANAAAN—OUIDA GRISSETT, LUCILLE BRULEY, MARY GRISSETT  
PINE GROVE—GWEN STEWART, ROSS PRESLEY, PATSY PRESLEY  
RANGE—EVELYN JOHNSON, GEORGIA ENGLISH, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT  
SEMIRAH SPRINGS—YVONNE JOHNSON, HELEN DEESE, VONCILE PETERS  
UNION GROVE—BILL PARTAIN, RUTHEL PALMER, BETTY GRAY

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MINISTERS' REPORT

	SERMONS	CHURCHES	PRO. WITNESS	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	REVIVALS	FUNERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	101	1	2			1	2	1	\$ 10,575.00
CLYDE BRULEY	106	1	7	5	2		1		\$ 7,280.00
TONY DOWNY	100	1				1	1	1	\$ 15,575.00
B. M. GRAY	95	1	3				3		\$ 9,400.00
RONALD G. HALL	100	1	9	8	4		6		\$ 18,200.00
W. G. PALMER	20			1		1	6	1	\$ 870.00



## QUARTERLY MEETINGS' REPORT

### FIRST MEETING - RANGE CHURCH - JANUARY 9, 1999

1. State Home Missions ear-marked to Dennis Haygood and Fred Jones. Nat. Home Missions ear-marked to Roger Raper and Foreign Missions ear-marked to Dave Franks, Jr.
2. Motion made to approve a loan of \$25,000 to Union Grove Church for renovation to church.
3. Motion made to add to Article V of the constitution the requirements for a pastor to receive retirement. The Article would read: "RETIREMENT"- (A) To qualify. A minister must be in good standing with the Association for at least 5 years and be 65 years of age. (B) 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. (C) Clerk has permission to issue retirement check first of month after the 65th birthday of minister. (D) Final decision to be made by the body. Motion seconded and passed.
4. A recommendation was made to remove the word insurance from section 15, Article V of the constitution. A motion was made to put this on the table until second quarterly meeting. Motion second and passed.

### SECOND MEETING - APPLETON CHURCH - APRIL, 1999

1. Motion made to bring the recommendation to remove the word insurance from section 15, Article V of the constitution off the table. Motion seconded and passed. After a brief discussion a motion was made to remove the word insurance from section 15, Article V of the constitution. Motion seconded and passed.
2. Motion made to sell the Liberty No.1 Association typewriter for \$250.00 to Union Grove Church. Motion seconded and passed.
3. State Home Missions ear-marked to Dennis Haygood and Fred Jones; National Home Missions ear-marked to Roger Raper and Foreign Missions ear-marked to Mike and Cathy Corely and Jamie and Tammy Lancaster.

### THIRD MEETING - CANAAN CHURCH - JULY 10, 1999

1. BRO. ROGER BENNETT, FROM THE CHILDREN HOME, DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE. HE ALSO GAVE A DETAILED REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S HOME.
2. STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO DENNIS HAYGOOD AND FRED JONES; NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO ROGER RAPER AND FOREIGN MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of Liberty No. 1 Association met May 1, 1999 at Semirah Springs FWB Church, Uriah, AL, with all churches present but one.

Song Service was led by Bro. Ted Fretwell. Tony Downey, Host Pastor, welcomed all.

Special music was provided by Tiffany Turberville, with singing by her sister Brandy Helton.

The offertory prayer was led by Bro. Grady Palmer. Amount received was \$96.51.

Sister Michelle Ward of Canaan Church gave her testimony on how God had changed her life.

The devotion was given by Bro. Clyde Bruley. Taken from Ezar 7:10 and Proverb 22:6. The theme, "Don't just teach them, But live the life before them."

Programs were presented by: Appleton, Union Grove, Canaan 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 10/1/98.....	\$ 66,964.47
PLUS: DEPOSIT - 10% MONEY.....	1,877.06
INTEREST (MONEY MARKET INCOME).....	279.61
INTEREST ( CD ).....	<u>1,545.27</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 68,082.24

### LESS NOTES

PINE GROVE.....	\$ 4,800.00	
SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....	2,500.00	
UNION GROVE	<u>21,354.19</u>	
TOTAL.....	\$ 28,654.19	<u>\$28,654.19</u>

BALANCE IN BANK 10/1/99.....	\$ 39,428.05
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IVAN STEWART, CHAIRMAN  
REV. W. G. PALMER  
REV. RONALD HALL, MODERATOR

### CTS RALLY

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS HELD AT UNION GROVE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 6, 1999.

THE RALLY WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY AND A CORDIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED BY BRO. BERNICE GRAY, THE HOST PASTOR.

BRO. GRADY PALMER GAVE THE DEVOTION, USING THE THEME FROM II PETER 3:18 AND BRO. GRADY PALMER LED IN PRAYER AFTER THE DEVOTION.

AN OFFERING OF \$47.68 WAS RECEIVED.

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

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

BRO. BENEFIELD ALSO AWARDED BRO. GRADY PALMER FOR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION.

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

APRIL BENEFIELD WAS RE-ELECTED TO SERVE AS CTS SECRETARY FOR ANOTHER 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, 1999**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/9/98**

**\$ 5,530.24**

**DEPOSITS:**

1. ASSOC. OFFREINGS-1998	\$104.17
2. 1ST QTR. MEETING	53.03
3. 2ND QTR. MEETING	40.83
4. 3RD QTR. MEETING	40.00
5 ASSOC. FEES	540.00
6. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	96.51
7. CTS RALLY	47.68
8. 10% MONEY -APPLETON	6,653.04
CANAAN	1,691.84
PINE GROVE	541.11
RANGE	1,645.92
SEMIRAH SPRINGS	2,714.32
UNION GROVE	4,456.21
9.SALE OF TYPEWRITER	250.00
10. SPECIAL OFFERING (CHILDREN HOME)	41.00

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**TOTAL DEPOSITS**

**\$ 18,915.66**

**TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE**

**\$ 24,445.90**

**EXPENDITURES:**

1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	1,734.84
2. CHILDREN'S HOME	2,602.26
3. BIBLE COLLEGE	867.42
4. FOREIGN MISSIONS	1,734.84
5. NAT. HOME MISSIONS	1,734.84
6. ALA. HOME MISSIONS	1,734.84
7. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS	1,734.84
8. RETIREMENT	4,275.00
9. 1998 ASSOC. MINUTES	27.00
10. 1998 ASSOC. OFFERINGS	104.17
11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.	300.00
12. OFFICERS FEES	175.00
13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE	163.16
14. CTS RALLY	32.24
15. SERVICE CONTRACT - COPIER	385.00
16. EXPENSE - CHILDRENS HOME	41.00

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**TOTAL PAID OUT**

**\$17,646.45**

**CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/8/99**

**\$ 6,799.45**

**RETIREMENT FUND**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/9/98**

**\$ 3,685.68**

**10% MONIES**

**+ 5,204.52**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**- 4,275.00**

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**BALANCE AS OF 10/8/99**

**\$ 4,615.20**

# EXPENDITURE REPORT - ANNUAL 1999

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	6,653.04	1,691.84	541.11	1,645.92	2,714.32	4,456.21		17,702.44
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.							1,734.84	1,734.84
CHILDREN'S HOME		236.60		577.49	195.00		2,602.26	3,611.35
RETIREMENT FUND							5,205.52	5,204.52
BIBLE COLLEGE							867.42	867.42
ASSOC. TREAS.	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	354.05	894.05
MISSIONS:								
LIBERTY NO. 1							1734.84	1,734.84
NAT. HOME MISSION					55.00		1,734.84	1,789.84
ALA. HOME MISSION							1,734.84	1,734.84
FOREIGN MISSIONS					75.00		1,734.84	1,809.84
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:								
GUEST SPEAKERS						500.00		500.00
PASTOR	18,200.00	6,950.00	920.00	10,175.00	15,575.00	9,400.00		61,220.00
LITERATURE	3,931.52	881.21	207.63	273.97	711.72	997.03		7,103.08
EVANGELIST	1,000.00	150.00	70.00	400.00	350.00	500.00		2,470.00
BLDG. & REPAIRS	2,884.60	4,129.75	3,992.06		11,358.25	42,686.52		65,051.18
MISCELLANEOUS	24,260.40	4,206.860	1,995.10	4,755.38	7,116.51	9,371.19		51,705.44
OTHER	2,625.00	850.00	155.00		1,003.00	400.00		5,033.00
LOAN PAYMENTS			1,920.00			4,166.64		6,086.64
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	66,530.55	16,918.57	5,410.96	16,993.52	27,143.21	44,562.02		177,558.83



# MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 1999

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	5	2	0	0	1	0	8
BAPTISM LETTER CONF.FAITH	4 1	2			1		6 1 1
MEMBERS DISMISSED	2	1	0	2	1	3	9
<u>LETTER</u> <u>OTHER</u> <u>*DECEASED</u>	2	1		2	1	2 1	2 7
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	83	53	13	40	39	42	270
<u>ACTIVE</u>	64	26	13	27	23	35	188
<u>IN ACTIVE</u>	19	27		13	16	7	82
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS							
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	56	17	10	18	22	29	152
<u>CTS</u>	34	0	0	0	16	29	79
<u>AUXILIARY</u>	21	6	0	8	8	0	43

VIRGIE CAIN, MEMBER, APPLETON CHURCH - JIMMY RAY WILSON, MEMBER, APPLETON CHURCH - KENNETH RAY FILLMORE, MEMBER, CANAAN CHURCH - AUBREY BOATRIGHT, MEMBER, RANGE CHURCH - CARLTON "RED" GREEN, MEMBER, RANGE CHURCH - HELEN AUBRIN, MEMBER, SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH - LUKE BAGGETT, TRUSTEE, UNION GROVE CHURCH



# 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—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.

SECTION 17 "RETIREMENT"- (A) To qualify. A minister must be in good standing with the Association for at least 5 years and be 65 years of age. (B) 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. (C) Clerk has permission to issue retirement check first of month after the 65th birthday of minister. (D) Final decision to be made by the body.

## 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	809-3739
PINE GROVE		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.