



ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of the

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



2000

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
UNION GROVE FWB CHURCH
CASTLEBERRY, AL.

OCTOBER 7, 2000

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st.....CANAAN.....JANUARY 13, 2001
2nd.....PINE GROVE.....APRIL 7, 2001
3rd.....UNION GROVE.....JULY 7, 2001

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

APPLETON.....MAY 5, 2001

CTS RALLY

SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....AUGUST 3, 2001

NEXT ASSOCIATION

RANGE.....OCTOBER 13, 2001

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 29,2000.....CANAAN
MARCH 23, 2001.....PINE GROVE
JUNE 22, 2001.....RANGE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2001.....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.....JUDY MARION
1221 TIPPENS EDDY ROAD, BREWTON, AL 36426 (867-9136)
ASSIST. CLERK.....DON 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
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
A.L. HOLLINGER.....3745 S.PALMER RD., URIAH,AL 36480.....	2005

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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
W. G. PALMER.....RT. 1, BX 287 CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432.....	2005

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

RAYMOND WOODS...3847 S. PALMER RD.,URIAH,36480.....2001
(862-2593)

CTS DIRECTOR

GARY BENEFIELD....RT. 2, BX 44, CASTLEBERRY, 36432.....2001
(966-2132)

CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE

CLYDE BRULEY...2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL 36502.....2001
(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

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
JOE MAC PETTIS.....APPLETON
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

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 2000

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT UNION GROVE CHURCH ON OCTOBER 7, 2000 FOR THE 111th ANNUAL SESSION.

THE MORNING SERVICES BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY. REV. BERNICE GRAY, GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

REV. CLYDE BRULEY GAVE THE DEVOTION {KNOW THE WORK OF THE LORD} USING JOHN 1 AS TEXT, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

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

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT ALL CHURCH LETTERS WERE IN ORDER. SIS. JUDY MARION READ THE MINUTES, A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

STATISTICAL REPORTS WERE GIVEN OUT.

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

BRO. TED FRETWELL LED THE SINGING TO BEGIN THE WORSHIP HOUR. WE HAD THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$57.00 WAS RECEIVED. UNION GROVE CHURCH PROVIDED THE SPECIAL MUSIC.

REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

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

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7, 2000

BRO. ADAM GRAY OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

BRO. HALL PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. THE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN, BRO GRADY PALMER GAVE THE REPORT ON LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS, BRO. CLUDE BRULEY GAVE THE CHILDREN'S HOME, SIS. JUDY MARION GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT, BRO. TED FRETWELL GAVE THE REPORT ON THE STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN. A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO EAR-MARK 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.

RECOMMENDATION THAT WE DEFINE HOW WE MAKE AMMENDMENTS: IN ORDER TO CHANGE AN AMENDMENT MUST BE PERSENTED FIRST PART OF SESSION WITH 2/3 VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT AT FIRST PART OF SESSION.

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

THE CLERK GAVE THE MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR AND RECEIVED THE NAMES OF DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: GWEN STEWART, RUTHEL PALMER, 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.....	A. L. HOLLINGER
ORDAINING COUNCIL.....	W. G. PALMER
HOME MISSION TREASURE.....	IVAN STEWART
BD. MEMBER.....	W. G. PALMER
CHILDREN'S HOME.....	CLYDE BRULEY

THERE BEING NO FUTHER BUSINESS, AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPRECIATION WAS SHOWN TO THE HOST CHURCH FOR THEIR KIND HOSPITALITY, A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED. WE WERE DISMISSED WITH PRAYER.

MINISTERS' REPORT

	SERMONS	CHURCHES	PRO. WITNESS	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	REVIVALS	FUNERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	104	1					2		\$ 11,200.00
CLYDE BRULEY	106	1	2	2	2				\$ 7,280.00
TONY DOWNY	114	1				2			\$ 15,600.00
B. M. GRAY	86	1	5	5	1				\$ 16,000.00
RONALD G. HALL	102	1	2	2			5	4	\$ 18,200.00
W. G. PALMER	16			1		1	3	1	\$ 900.00

QUARTERLY MEETING'S REPORT

FIRST MEETING: PINE GROVE - JANUARY 8, 2000

- 1.STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO DENNIS HAYGOOD AND FRED JONES. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO ROGER RAPER. FOREIGN MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.
2. MOTION MADE TO BRING RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE THE ASSOCIATION A ONE DAY MEETING OFF THE TABLE, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED. MOTION MADE TO MAKE ASSOCIATION A SATURDAY MEETING ONLY MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.
3. MOTION MADE THE CLERK KEEP AND PRINT RECORD OF THE PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETINGS IN THE MINUTES, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.
4. MOTION MADE THAT ALL PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEET AT NEXT PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FEES TO BE SENT TO STATE, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

SECOND MEETING: SEMIRAH SPRINGS - APRIL 8, 2000

- 1.STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO DENNIS HAYGOOD AND FRED JONES. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO ROGER RAPER. FOREIGN MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.

2. MOTION MADE TO TAKE 7 PERCENT OFF THE TOTAL 10 PERCENT MONEY AND REMOVE FROM ARTICLE V SECTION 11 (A) EACH CHURCH SHALL SEND THE SUM OF \$20.00 WITH EACH QUARTERLY LETTER, (B) EACH CHURCH SHALL SEND THE OF \$30.00 WITH THE ANNUAL LETTER. MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

3. MOTION MADE TO PAY THE REMAINING FEES FROM ASSOCIATION TREASURE THE SUM OF \$210.00, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

THIRD MEETING: CANAAN - JULY 8, 2000

1. STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO DENNIS HAYGOOD AND FRED JONES. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO ROGER RAPER. FOREIGN MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.

2. BRO. JOE MAC PETTIS WAS ORDAINED AS DEACON.

3. MOTION MADE TO INCREASE RETIREMENT TO \$125.00, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

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DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

APPLETON: JANICE HALL, JUANITA WARD, SUSAN COOPER

CANAAN: LUCILLE BRULEY, QUIDA GRISSETT, FRANCES BEASLEY

PINE GROVE: GWEN STEWART, PATSY PRESLEY, ROSS PRESLEY

RANGE: MARIE GREEN, EVELYN JOHNSON, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT

SEMIRAH SPRINGS: HELEN DEESE, YVONNE JOHNSON, VONCILE PETERS

UNION GROVE: MARGIE FINDLY, BETTY GRAY, RUTH BAGGETT

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of Liberty No. 1 Association met May 6, 2000 at Range FWB Church, Range, AL, with all churches present but two.

Song Service was led by Bro. Ted Fretwell, with Sister Betty Fretwell at the piano.

Rev. Bobby Boatwright extended a warm welcome to everyone, then led the congregation in prayer.

The devotion was given by Bro. Tony Downey, he used several passage of scripture as Matt. 18:1-6, James, Prov. etc.. The theme "As Jesus taught by example, we are to teach by example or let the world teach them."

An offering of \$54.55 was taken.

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

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

Bro. Raymond Woods was re-elected for another year.

The session was dismissed prayer by Bro. Grady Palmer, he also asked God's blessing on the food prepared by host church. The food and day was enjoyed by everyone.

Geneta Woods, Sec.

INFORMATION ONLY

ASSOCIATION: SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

QUARTERLY MEETING: SATURDAY BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY,
APRIL AND JULY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION: FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

CTS RALLY: FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETINGS: SECOND FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE
QUARTERLY MEETINGS

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETINGS REPORT

NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

BALANCE IN TREASURER 10/1/99.....	\$ 68,082.24
PLUS: DEPOSIT - 10% MONEY.....	1,730.25
INTEREST (MONEY MARKET INCOME).....	425.41
INTEREST (CD).....	<u>1,329.40</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 71,567.30

LESS NOTES

PINE GROVE.....	\$ 2,880.00	
UNION GROVE.....	<u>15,104.23</u>	
TOTAL.....	\$ 17,984.23	- \$17,984.23

BALANCE IN BANK 10/1/00.....	\$ 53,583.07
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IVAN STEWART, CHAIRMAN
REV. W. G. PALMER
REV. RONALD HALL, MODERATOR

CTS RALLY

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS HELD AT APPLETON FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 4, 2000 AT 7:00 PM.

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

BRO. JOE MAC PETTIS GAVE THE DEVOTION, USING THE THEME FROM LUKE 2:49 AND GENESIS 37:28

AN OFFERING OF \$63.25 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 SIS. ELLA RUTH HALL 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 7, 2000**

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/8/99 **\$ 6,799.45**

DEPOSITS:

1. ASSOC. OFFREINGS-1998	\$90.57
2. 1ST QTR. MEETING	43.00
3. 2ND QTR. MEETING	56.00
4. 3RD QTR. MEETING	60.45
5 ASSOC. FEES	240.00
6. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	54.55
7. CTS RALLY	63.25
8. 10% MONEY -APPLETON	6,688.78
CANAAN	1,704.14
PINE GROVE	572.18
RANGE	1,933.29
SEMIRAH SPRINGS	2,991.41
UNION GROVE	4,139.68

TOTAL DEPOSITS **\$ 18,637.30**

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE **\$ 25,436.75**

EXPENDITURES:

1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	1,722.60
2. CHILDREN'S HOME	2,583.93
3. BIBLE COLLEGE	861.31
4. FOREIGN MISSIONS	1,722.60
5. NAT. HOME MISSIONS	1,722.60
6. ALA. HOME MISSIONS	1,722.60
7. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS	1,722.60
8. RETIREMENT	3,875.00
9. 1999 ASSOC. MINUTES	19.44
10. 1999 ASSOC. OFFERINGS	90.57
11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.	510.00
12. OFFICERS FEES	175.00
13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE	170.51
14. CTS RALLY	8.00
15. SERVICE CONTRACT - COPIER	385.00
16. N. C. DISATER FUND	500.00

TOTAL PAID OUT **\$17,791.76**

CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/7/00 **\$ 7,644.99**

RETIREMENT FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/8/99	\$ 4,615.20
10% MONIES	+ 5,167.85
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>- 3,875.00</u>

BALANCE AS OF 10/7/00 **\$ 5,908.05**

EXPENDITURE REPORT - ANNUAL 2000

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	6,688.79	1,704.14	572.18	1,933.29	2,991.41	4,139.68		18,029.49
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.							1,722.60	1,722.60
CHILDREN'S HOME		466.90		519.08	100.00		2,894.93	3,980.91
RETIREMENT FUND							5,167.85	5,167.85
BIBLE COLLEGE							861.31	861.31
ASSOC. TREAS.	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	803.39	1,043.39
MISSIONS:								
LIBERTY NO. 1							1722.60	1,722.60
NAT. HOME MISSION					61.00		1,722.60	1,783.60
ALA. HOME MISSION					61.00		1,722.60	1,783.60
FOREIGN MISSIONS							1,722.60	1,722.60
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:								
GUEST SPEAKERS						800.00		800.00
PASTOR	18,200.00	7,280.00	0	11,150.00	15,700.00	16,500.00		68,830.00
LITERATURE	3,484.53	820.30	167.15	330.05	792.69	1,319.90		6,914.62
EVANGELIST	900.00	650.00	900.00	350.00	500.00	650.00		3,950.00
BLDG. & REPAIRS	2,911.09	1,444.37	509.46	1,548.51		8,418.34		14,831.77
MISCELLANEOUS	26,386.18	5,496.17	2,139.75	3,675.24	10,056.34	5,078.34		52,832.02
OTHER	3,000.00	1,200.00	70.50	300.00	1,020.00	450.00		6,040.50
LOAN PAYMENTS			1,920.00		2,475.00	6,249.96		10,644.96
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	66,887.82	17,041.48	5,721.79	19,314.79	29,914.09	41,396.83		180,276.80

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 2000

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	2	2	0	2	0	6	12
BAPTISM LETTER CONF.FAITH	1 1	2		2		4 2	8 1 3
MEMBERS DISMISSED	6	2	0	0	0	0	8
<u>LETTER</u> <u>OTHER</u> <u>*DECEASED</u>	3 3	2					5 3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	80	53	13	42	39	50	277
<u>ACTIVE</u>	60	27	13	29	23	39	191
<u>IN ACTIVE</u>	20	26		13	16	11	86
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS							
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	46	19	10	18	22	38	153
<u>CTS</u>	21	0	0	0	16	29	66
<u>AUXILIARY</u>	23	7	0	6		0	36

COY LEE CAIN, MEMBER, APPLETON CHURCH - RUBY JEAN WILSON, MEMBER, APPLETON CHURCH - RANSOM HALL MEMBER APPLETON CHURCH - WILLIS MURPHY RETIRED MINISTER MEMBER, SEMIRAH SPRINGS 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) TAKE 7 PERCENT OFF THE TOTAL 10 PERCENT MONEY TO PAY STATE FEES FOR EACH CHURCH (REPLACES A & B), (C) THE CLERK SHALL BE PAID \$100.00, ASSISTANT CLERK \$25.00 AND MODERATOR \$50.00, (D) DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO PAY ~~\$50.00~~ ^{95.00} 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.

SECTION 18. "AMENDMENTS"-MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY REGULAR SESSION BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT; PROVIDED PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE PRESENTED IN WRITING TO THE BODY AND SHALL LIE ON THE TABLE AT LEAST FROM MORNING SESSION TIL EVENING SESSION, OR FROM EVENING SESSION TIL SESSION PRIOR TO ADOPTION AND SHALL DURING THAT TIME BE READ AT LEAST TWICE IN OPEN SESSION.

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.