



ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of the

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



2002

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
APPLETON FWB CHURCH
CASTLEBERRY, AL.

OCTOBER 12, 2002

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st.....CANAAN.....JANUARY 11, 2003
2nd.....PINE GROVE.....APRIL 12, 2003
3rd.....RANGE.....JULY 12, 2003

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

UNION GROVE.....MAY 3, 2003

CTS RALLY

APPLETON.....AUGUST 1, 2003

NEXT ASSOCIATION

SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....OCTOBER 11, 2003

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 27, 2002.....RANGE
MARCH 28, 2003.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS
JUNE 27, 2003.....UNION GROVE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2003.....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.....ANGELA WARD
1233 TIPPENS EDDY ROAD, BREWTON AL 36426 (867-7205)

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. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL 36562.....	2003
MARK GRAY.....HCR 32 BOX 55-M, EVERGREEN, AL 36401.....	2004
A.L. HOLLINGER.....3745 S.PALMER RD., URIAH,AL 36480.....	2005
RALPH BEASLEY.....1621 BEASLEY RD. BREWTON AL 36426.....	2006
TED FRETWELL.....3789 S.PALMER RD., URIAH,AL 36480.....	2007

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT....RT.1,BOX 128-K,REPTON,AL 36475.....	2006
CLYDE BRULEY.....2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE AL 36502.....	2007

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

CHAD COOPER.....9964 APPLETON RD, BREWTON,AL. 36426.....2003
(867-9213)

CTS DIRECTOR

GARY BENEFIELD....RT. 2, BOX 44, CASTLEBERRY, 36432.....2003
(966-2132)

CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE

CLYDE BRULEY...2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL 36502.....2003
(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

LICENSE MINISTERS

CHAD COOPER.....9964 APPLETON RD., BREWTON, AL 36426

ORDAINED DEACONS

RALPH BEASLEY.....CANAAN
RONALD CAIN.....APPLETON
BARRY FILLMORE.....CANAAN
KEVIN FILLMORE.....CANAAN
TED FRETWELL.....SEMIRAH SPRINGS
ERIC GRAY.....UNION GROVE
MARK GRAY.....UNION GROVE
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

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 2002

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT APPLETON CHURCH ON OCTOBER 12, 2002 FOR THE 113th ANNUAL SESSION.

THE MORNING SERVICES BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY SIS. ELLA RUTH HALL.. REV. RONALD HALL GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. STAN WARD GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, IF YOU ARE A SOLDIER OF CHRIST, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

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

BRO. CLYDE BRULEY LED THE SINGING TO BEGIN THE WORSHIP HOUR.

BRO. MARK GRAY LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$42.00 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY SIS. JUDY MARION.

BRO. CHAD COOPER, DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE USING "WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN SUPPOSE TO DO" AS THE THEME FOR HIS MESSAGE . PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

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

WE WERE DISMISSED FOR LUNCH, WITH PRAYER AND BLESSING BY BRO. BERNICE GRAY.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 12, 2002

BRO. IVAN STEWART OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

THE MODERATOR, REV. RONALD HALL, CALLED THE BUSINESS 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 LETTERS TO THE BODY, AND DELEGATES WERE SEATED. MINUTES WERE READ BY SIS. JUDY MARION, A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

STATISTICAL REPORTS WERE GIVEN OUT.

BRO. IVAN STEWART GAVE THE REPORT ON LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS, SIS. JUDY MARION GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN. A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO EAR-MARK THE FOLLOWING: STATE MISSIONS TO WAYNE WILSON 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 RECOMMENDATION, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE TO PAY BRO. TONY DOWNEY'S INSURANCE AS LONG AS NECESSARY BRO. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT TO FIND OUT AMOUNT. MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

THE CLERK GAVE THE MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR AND RECEIVED THE NAMES OF DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: GWEN STEWART, RUTHEL PALMER, JUDY MARION AND JANICE HALL

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR:

- MODERATOR.....RONALD G. HALL
- ASSIST. MODERATOR.....W. G. PALMER
- CLERK.....JUDY MARION
- EX. COMMITTEE.....TED FRETWELL
- MARK GRAY
- ORDAINING COUNCIL.....CLYDE BRULEY
- HOME MISSION TREASURE.....IVAN STEWART
- BD. MEMBER.....W. G. PALMER
- CHILDREN'S HOME.....CLYDE BRULEY

THERE BEING NO FURTHER 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.

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DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

- APPLETON: JANICE HALL, JUANITA WARD, SUSAN COOPER
- CANAAN: JUDY RATHSACK, 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: RUTHEL PALMER, ALLEN GRAY, RUTH BAGGETT

MINISTERS' REPORT

	SERMONS	CHURCHES PASTORED	REVIVALS HELD	PRO. WITNESSE	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	FUNERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	101	1	1		2	2	5	1	\$ 12,600.00
CLYDE BRULEY	100	1	1	1				1	\$ 7,800.00
TONY DOWNY	52	1					2		\$ 15,600.00
B. M. GRAY	96	1		2					\$ 17,100.00
RONALD G. HALL	96	1		4	3	4	4	2	\$ 19,500.00
W. G. PALMER	10						3		\$ 2,100.00
CHAD COOPER	20								\$ 1,000.00

QUARTERLY MEETING'S REPORT

FIRST MEETING: PINE GROVE - JANUARY 12, 2002

REV. TONY DOWNEY BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM PSALM 46 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH WE SHOULD COME BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF GRACE AS THE THOUGHT FOR HIS MESSAGE.

1. STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO DENNIS HAYGOOD AND WAYNE WILSON. 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 ORDAIN BRO. ERIC GRAY AS A DEACON, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED. REV. GRADY PALMER PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONY.

3. MOTION MADE TO LICENSED BRO. CHAD COOPER TO PREACH, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

SECOND MEETING: SEMIRAH SPRINGS - APRIL 13, 2002

REV. BERNICE GRAY BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE, FROM 2CHRONICLES 7:12-14 WITH GET ON YOUR KNEES AND PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US AS THE THOUGHT FOR HIS MESSAGE.

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. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ORDAIN BRO. KEVIN FILMORE AS DEACON AT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

3. A MOTION WAS MADE TO GIVE BRO. TONY DOWNEY \$500.00, MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

4. A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPOINT BRO MARK GRAY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNTIL THE NEXT ASSOCIATION MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

THIRD MEETING: RANGE - JULY 13, 2002

BRO. RANDY KEY BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW 25, GET ON YOUR KNEES AND PRAY FOR GOD TO HEPL US WAS THE THOUGHT FOR HIS MESSAGE, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE LIBERTY NO 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, MET AT CANAAN CHURCH OF BREWTON, AL. MAY 4, 2002 FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

THE MORNING SERVICE BEGIN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. CLYDE BRULEY. REV. CLYDE BRULEY ALSO GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BRO. BERNICE GRAY. THE THEME: TRAIN BY EXAMPLE.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED OF \$80.00.

BRO RAYMOND WOODS,SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR PERSIDED OVER THE PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS WAS GIVIN BY: APPLETON, UNION GROVE, RANGE, CANAAN AND SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCHES, WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY EVERYONE.

SIS. GENETA WOODS READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING THEY WERE APPROVED. PERFECT ATTENDENCE CERIFICATES WERE AWARDED. BRO. CHAD COOPER WAS ELECTED SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR THE COMING YEAR.

THE CONGREGATION WAS DISMISSED BY PRAYER AND BLESSING ON THE FOOD WAS OFFERED BY BRO. GRADY PALMER.

Geneta Woods, Sec.

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETINGS REPORT

FIRST PREACHER'S AND DEACON'S MEETINGS
DECEMBER 28, 2002 NO INFORMATION

SECOND PREACHER'S AND DEACON'S MEETINGS
MARCH 29, 2002 NO INFORMATION

THIRD PREACHER'S AND DEACON'S MEETING
JUNE 28, 2002 NO INFORMATION

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETINGS REPORT

FOURTH PREACHER'S AND DEACON'S MEETING

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' MEETING: SECOND FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE
QUARTERLY MEETINGS

LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

BALANCE IN TREASURER 10/1/01.....	\$ 75,582.59
PLUS: DEPOSIT - 10% MONEY.....	1,667.39
INTEREST (MONEY MARKET INCOME).....	220.15
INTEREST (CD).....	<u>1,400.23</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 78,870.36

LESS NOTES

APPLETON.....	\$ 3,325.00	
UNION GROVE.....	<u>\$ 3,125.14</u>	
TOTAL.....	\$ 6,450.14	- \$6,450.14

BALANCE IN BANK 10/1/02.....	\$72,420.22
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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 FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 2, 2002 AT 7:00 PM.

THE RALLY WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. TED FRETWELL AND A CORDIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED BY BRO. BERNICE GRAY WHO LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. CHAD COOPER GAVE THE DEVOTION, USING THE THEME FROM PROVERBS 9:10 AND JOB 1.

AN OFFERING OF \$42.00 WAS RECEIVED.

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

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

BRO. BENEFIELD AWARDED ALL THE MINSTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND RECOGNIZED BRO. CHAD COOPER, A NEW MINISTER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

.....A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO GO INTO BUSINESS MINUTES WAS READ AND ACCEPTED AS GIVEN.

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

APRIL CRAWFORD 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 CRAWFORD, CTS SEC.

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
OCTOBER 12, 2002

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/7/01

\$ 1,865.49

DEPOSITS:

1. ASSOC. OFFERINGS-2001	\$42.00
2. 1ST QTR. MEETING	56.00
3. 2ND QTR. MEETING	54.91
4. 3RD QTR. MEETING	38.00
5. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	80.00
6. CTS RALLY	42.00
7. SPEC.OFFERING CHILDREN HOME	139.00
8. 10% MONEY -APPLETON	5,872.22
CANAAN	2,179.08
PINE GROVE	400.20
RANGE	1,943.40
SEMIRAH SPRINGS	3,230.24
UNION GROVE	3,711.99

TOTAL DEPOSITS

\$ 17,789.04

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

\$ 19,654.53

EXPENDITURES:

1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	1,612.25
2. CHILDREN'S HOME	2,418.53
3. BIBLE COLLEGE	806.18
4. FOREIGN MISSIONS	1,612.36
5. NAT. HOME MISSIONS	1,612.36
6. ALA. HOME MISSIONS	1,612.36
7. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS	1,612.36
8. RETIREMENT	4,837.07
10. 2001 ASSOC. OFFERINGS	42.00
11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.	510.00
12. OFFICERS FEES	175.00
13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE	100.59
14. CTS RALLY	120.94
15. SERVICE CONTRACT - COPIER	385.00
16. SPEC. OFFERING CHILDREN HOME	139.00
17. BRO. TONY DOWNEY	500.00

TOTAL PAID OUT

\$18,096.00

CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/12/02

\$ 1,558.53

RETIREMENT FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/13/01

\$ 6,429.61

10% MONIES

+ 4,837.07

DISBURSEMENTS

- 4,500.00

BALANCE AS OF 10/12/02

\$ 6,766.68

EXPENDITURE REPORT - ANNUAL 2002

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	5,872.22	2,179.08	400.20	1,943.40	3,230.24	3,711.99		17,337.13
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.							1,612.25	1,612.25
CHILDREN'S HOME		309.55		487.49	310.00		2,418.53	3,525.57
RETIREMENT FUND							4,837.07	4,837.07
BIBLE COLLEGE							806.18	806.18
ASSOC. TREAS.							1,213.66	1,213.66
MISSIONS: GIDEONS	395.00			60.00	166.00	100.00		721.00
LIBERTY NO. 1							1,612.36	1,612.36
NAT. HOME MISSION							1,612.36	1,612.36
ALA. HOME MISSION							1,612.36	1,612.36
FOREIGN MISSIONS							1,673.71	1,673.71
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:								
GUEST SPEAKERS			750.00		1300.00	600.00		2650.00
PASTOR	19,500.00	7,350.00	0	12,600.00	15,600.00	17,100.00		72,150.00
LITERATURE	2,763.40	515.61	208.08	215.25	767.83	1,298.51		5,768.68
EVANGELIST				500.00	450.00	750.00		1,700.00
BLDG. & REPAIRS	2,479.14	2,723.50	278.27		5,074.00	2,437.97		12,992.88
MISCELLANEOUS	36,533.19	6,443.74	1,450.73	3,688.20	7,929.88	4,381.45		60,427.19
OTHER	1,000.00	750.00	50.00	300.00	900.00	1,350.00		4,350.00
LOAN PAYMENTS	5700.00		960.00			6,249.96		12,909.96
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	58,722.13	21,790.83	4,001.90	24,176.65	32,302.34	36,999.81		177,993.66

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 2002

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	4	2	0	2	0	0	8
BAPTISM	1			2			3
LETTER	2						2
CONF.FAITH	1	2					3
MEMBERS DISMISSED	1				2	2	5
<u>LETTER</u>							
<u>OTHER</u>							
<u>*DECEASED</u>	1				2	2	5
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	82	57	12	43	36	39	269
<u>ACTIVE</u>	64	31	12	30	23	39	199
<u>IN ACTIVE</u>	18	26	0	13	13	0	70
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS							
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	38	23	5	8	21	31	126
<u>CTS</u>	26	0	0	0	16	25	67
<u>AUXILIARY</u>	22	8	0	6	0	7	43

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING

TRUDIE M. BARLOW, AGE 77 PASSED AWAY TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 2001, A MEMBER UNION GROVE CHURCH.

2ND QUARTERLY MEETING

MASON CASEY, AGE 77, PASSED AWAY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2002. A MEMBER AND DEACON OF APPLETON CHURCH.

CORA LEE MURPHY, AGE 90 PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2002 A MEMBER OF SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH.

MARTHA WOODS, AGE 85 PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 2002 A MEMBER OF SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH.

3RD QUARTERLY MEETING

BILL PARTAIN, AGE 68, PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2002, A MEMBER OF 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 ASSOCIATION 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 ASSOCIATION CLERK 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING. ASSOCIATION 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 ASSOCIATION 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 \$85.00 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.