

## ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH

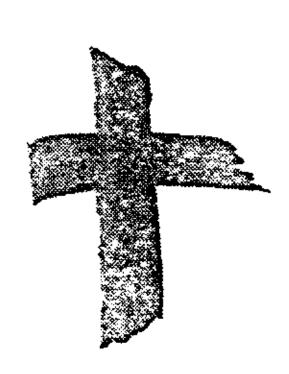
## ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of the

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



2004

#### MINUTES

## OF THE

#### ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

#### OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### **HELD WITH**

## RANGE FWB CHURCH RANGE, AL.

**OCTOBER 9, 2004** 

## **QUARTERLY MEETINGS** 1st......JANUARY 8, 2005 2nd.......APRIL 9, 2005 3rd......JULY 9, 2005 SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SEMIRAH SPRINGS......MAY 7, 2005 CTS RALLY APPLETON......AUGUST 5, 2005 **NEXT ASSOCIATION** PINE GROVE......OCTOBER 8, 2005 MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE DECEMBER 17, 2004......UNION GROVE MARCH 25, 2005......APPLETON JUNE 24, 2005.......CANAAN SEPTEMBER 23, 2005......PINE GROVE

## OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

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## **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

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### **RETIRED MINISTERS**

W.G. PALMER......RT. 1, BOX 287, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432

## ORDAINED DEACONS

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CANAAN
APPLETON
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CANAAN
SEMIRAH SPRINGS
UNION GROVE
SEMIRAH SPRINGS
PINE GROVE
PINE GROVE
PINE GROVE
PINE GROVE
APPLETON
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 9, 2004

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT RANGE CHURCH ON OCTOBER 9, 2004 FOR THE 115th ANNUAL SESSION.

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

BRO. GRADY PALMER GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, FROM PSALM 100 PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

THE MODERATOR, BRO. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT, 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.

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

BRO. IVAN STEWART LED THE SINGING TO BEGIN THE WORSHIP HOUR.

BRO. ROBERT CRAIG LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$74.30 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY SIS. TAMMY SMITH.

BRO. CHAD COOPER, DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE USING PSALM 100 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH JOY IS OUR STRENGTH IN THE LORD 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 THE BLESSING WAS SAID OVER THE FOOD.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 9, 2004

BRO. TED FRETWELL OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY SIS. JOANN CRAIG.

BRO. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT CALLED THE BUSSINESS SESSION BACK TO ORDER.

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.

THE CLERK GAVE THE MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR AND RECEIVED THE NAMES OF DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: GWEN STEWART, RUTHEL PALMER, CINDY BUCHANAN, ANNIE JO PARTAIN, JUDY MARION AND ELLA RUTH HALL

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR:

MODERATOR	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT
ASSIST. MODERATOR	W. G. PALMER
CLERK	JUDY MARION
EX. COMMITTEE	ERIC GRAY
ORDAINING COUNCIL	CHAD COOPER
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.

#### DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

APPLETON: , JUANITA WARD, PERRY WELLS, JENETTE STUCKEY CANAAN: JUDY RATHSACK, QUIDA GRISSETT, FRANCES BEASLEY PINE GROVE: GWEN STEWART, JOANN CRAIG, ROSS PRESLEY RANGE: MARIE GREEN, EVELYN JOHNSON, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT SEMIRAH SPRINGS: HELEN DEESE, BETTY FRETWELL, VONCILE HAYLES UNION GROVE: CINDY BUCHANAN, BETTY GRAY, RUTH BAGGETT

#### **MINISTERS' REPORT**

	SERMONS	CHURCHES PASTORED	REVIVALS HELD	PRO. WITNESSE	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	FUNERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	96	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	\$ 12,900.00
CLYDE BRULEY	98	1	0	5	4	3	0	0	\$ 10,700.00
CLIFTON BUCHANAN	165	1	3	1	1	0	3	0	\$ 21,650.00
CHAD COOPER	104	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	\$ 14,825.00
ROBERT CRAIG	90÷	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	\$ 7,000.00
W. G. PALMER	14	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	\$ 3,000.00

#### QUARTERLY MEETING'S REPORT

FIRST MEETING: UNION GROVE - JANUARY 10, 2004

REV.RONALD HALL BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE USING VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH BY THE MERCIES OF GOD ARE WE SAVED 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 BE EAR-MARKED TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.
- 2. MOTION MADE TO RAISE THE RETIREMENT FROM \$125.00 TO \$150.00 MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

#### SECOND MEETING: PINE GROVE - APRIL 10, 2004

REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE, FROM JOHN 10:10 USING THE THEME "I AM COME THAT THTEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY." 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 ROGER RAPER. FOREIGN MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.
- 2. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ORDAIN BRO. ROSS PRESLEY AS DEACON MOTION SECOND AND PASSED. REV.ROBERT CRAIG PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONY.

#### THIRD MEETING: APPLETON JULY 10, 2004

REV.JOHN SHAMBLIN BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM ISAIAH 66: 1-4 WITH VERSE 1 THUS SAITH THE LORD, THE HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND THE EARTH IS MY FOOTSTOOL; "UNDER GOD" 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. A MOTION MADE THAT OUR MINISTERS MEET AND SET UP GUIDE LINES FOR A PASTOR MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION MADE IN FORM OF A RESOLUTION ON MARRIAGE BE SENT TO EACH MEMBER OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE, OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND THE STATE ASSOCIATION MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION MADE TO HAVE THEIR MINSTER SENT TO CLERK BY SEPTEMBER. 15 MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION TO HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS DIRECTOR GIVE A REPORT AT EACH QUARTERLY MEETING MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE LIBERTY NO 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, MET AT RANGE CHURCH OF RANGE, AL. MAY 1, 2004 FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

THE MORNING SERVICE BEGIN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY. REV. BOBBY BOARWRIGHT GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY REV.ROBERT CRAIG.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED OF \$76.00.

BRO MARK GRAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR PRESIDED OVER THE PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS WAS GIVEN BY: APPLETON, UNION GROVE, RANGE, CANAAN AND SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCHES, WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY EVERYONE.

SIS. APRIL GRAY READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING THEY WERE APPROVED. PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED. BRO. GRADY PALMER 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.

APRIL GRAY Sec.

## LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION OF FWB OCTOBER 1, 2004

BALANCE IN TREA	ASURER	. \$81,800.74
PLUS:	INTEREST CD #1	169.30
	INTEREST CD #2	342.70
	INTEREST THRU 10/1/04	205.82
	10% MONEY	. 2,595.60
	TOTAL:	\$85,114.16

#### **INFORMATION:**

BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET	\$35,833.26
BALANCE IN NO. 1 CD 10/1/04	•
BALANCE IN NO. 2 CD 10/1/04	-
TOTAL IN BANK 10/1/04	

IVAN STEWART, CHAIRMAN REV. W. G. PALMER REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT, MODERATOR

#### CTS RALLY

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS HELD AT SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 6, 2004 AT 7:00 PM.

THE RALLY WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. RAYMOND WOODS, AND A CORDIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED BY BRO. CHAD COOPER WHO LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. GRADY PALMER GAVE THE DEVOTION, FROM PSALM CHAPTER 121 AND 2TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2

AN OFFERING OF \$38.01 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. GARY BENEFIELD RECOGNIZED BRO. CLIFTON BUCHANAN AND BRO. GRADY PALMER FOR THE YOUNGEST AND THE OLDEST MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

AFTER SERVING 35YEARS AS CTS DIRECTOR IN THE CHURCH AND ASSOCIATION BRO. GRAY BENEFIELD RETIRED AS DIRECTOR.

BRO. STAN WARD FROM APPLETON CHURCH WAS ELECTED AS THE NEW ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR FOR THE NEXT COMING YEAR.

SIS. JAUNITA WARD WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AS ASSOCIATIONSECRETARY FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

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

APRIL CRAWFORD, CTS 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' MEETING: SECOND FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

# LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RETIREMENT REPORT OCTOBER 9, 2004

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/11/03** 

\$ 8,471.66

**10% MONIES** 

6,062.06

**DISBURSEMENTS** 

-3,450.00

**BALANCE AS OF 10/9/04** 

\$ 11,083.72

## LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 9, 2004

BALANCE BROUG	\$ 2,169.12		
DÉPOSITS:	1. ASSOC, OFFERINGS-2003 2. 1ST QTR. MEETING 3. 2ND QTR. MEETING 4. 3RD QRT. MEETING 5. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 6. CTS RALLY 7. SPEC. DONATIONS 8. 10% MONEY -APPLETON CANAAN PINE GROVE RANGE SEMIRAH SPRINGS UNION GROVE	\$63.11 88.00 54.00 67.25 76.00 38.01 200.00 12,291.63 2,606.26 1,641.34 2,153.75 4,138.80 4,114.67	
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 27,532.82	
TOTAL CASH AVA	ILABLE		\$ 29,701.94
TOTAL PAID OUT	<ol> <li>STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR</li> <li>CHILDREN'S HOME</li> <li>BIBLE COLLEGE</li> <li>FOREIGN MISSIONS</li> <li>NAT. HOME MISSIONS</li> <li>ALA. HOME MISSIONS</li> <li>LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS</li> <li>RETIREMENT</li> <li>2003 ASSOC. OFFERINGS</li> <li>ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.</li> <li>OFFICERS FEES</li> <li>SUPPLIES, POSTAGE</li> <li>CTS RALLY</li> <li>SERVICE CONTRACT - COPIER</li> </ol>	2,524.52 3,786.95 1,262.32 2,524.63 2,524.63 2,524.63 7,573.87 63.11 810.00 175.00 0.00 32.38 385.00	
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$26,711.67	
CASH BALANCE A	S OF 10/9/04		\$ 2,990.27

## **EXPENDITURE REPORT - ANNUAL 2004**

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	12,291.63	2,606.26	1,641.34	2,153.75	4,138.80	4,114.67	200.00	27,146.45
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.							2,524.52	2,524.52
CHILDREN'S HOME	940.00	319.00		466.55	800.00	212.56	3,786.95	6,525.06
RETIREMENT FUND							7,573.87	7,573.87
BIBLE COLLEGE							1,262.32	1,262.32
ASSOC. TREAS.							1,900.27	1,900.27
MISSIONS: GIDEONS	486.00				300.00	100.00		886.00
LIBERTY NO. 1							2,524.63	2,524.63
NAT. HOME MISSION							2,524.63	2,524.63
ALA. HOME MISSION							2,524.63	2,524.63
FOREIGN MISSIONS	680.00						2,524.63	3,204.63
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:								
GUEST SPEAKERS			100.00	250.00	200.00	300.00		850.00
PASTOR	23,050.00	10,700.00	5,850.00	12,900.00	14,825.00	18,750.00		86,075.00
LITERATURE	2,783.98	717.40	215.68	306.73	986.24	1,777.79		6,787.82
EVANGELIST	1325.00	550.00	0	400.00	500.00	392.00		3,167.00
BLDG. & REPAIRS	39,562.14	86.50	2,636.89	601.10	0	2,421.07		45,307.70
MISCELLANEOU S	51,523.03	6,106.77	2,034.60	7,581.64	7,218.44	10,102.05	15	84,566.53
OTHER	1,250.00	1,200.00	150.00	440.00	1,050.00	2,000.00		6,090.00
LOAN PAYMENTS	О	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	122,916.33	26,062.67	16,413.37	21,537.50	41,388.01	41,146.52		269,464.40

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 2004

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	5	4	0	0	2	0	11
BAPTISM LETTER CONF.FAITH	0 0 5	3 1 0	0 0	0 0 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	4 2 5
MEMBERS DISMISSED	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
LETTER OTHER *DECEASED	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1	1 0 3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	86	58	40	43	36	34	297
<u>ACTIVE</u>	60	34	10	32	28	34	198
IN ACTIVE	26	24	30	11	8	0	99
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS							
SUNDAY SCHOOL  CTS  AUXILIARY	38 25 10	22 0 8	4 0 0	11 0 6	26 20 0	31 24 0	132 69 24

**1ST QUARTERLY MEETING** 

**2ND QUARTERLY MEETING** 

#### **3RD QUARTERLY MEETING**

BERNICE BAGGETT, AGE 80 PASSED AWAY SUNDAY JUNE 13, 2004, MEMBER OF RANGE CHURCH PATARICA HOLLINGER, AGE 72 PASSED AWAY SATURDAY JUNE 19, 2004, A MEMBER OF SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH

4TH QUARTERLY MEETING (ASSOCIATION)
REV. BERNICE GRAY, AGE 62 PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY JULY 21, 2004 RETIRED PASTOR,
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

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 MINSTER MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS AND BE 65 YEARS OF AGE. (B) IF A MINSTER 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. I (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		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 251 580-2030	ROBERT CRAIG 46030 SUNSET DR. EAST BAY MINETTE, AL. 36507	ROSS H PRESLEY 23251 PINE GROVE CHURCH RD PERDIDO, AL 36562	251 583-3304
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 251 867-9213	CHAD COOPER 9964 APPLETON RD BREWTON, AL 36426	GENETA WOODS 3847 S. PALMER RD. BOX 410 URIAH, AL 36480	862-2593
UNION GROVE 251 966-5280	CLIFFTON BUCHANAN P. O. BOX 475 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.