# **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH**

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of the

## LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

## of

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## 2006

### MINUTES

### OF THE

### ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

#### OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### HELD WITH

### UNION GROVE FWB CHURCH CASTLEBERRY, AL.

### OCTOBER 7, 2006

### **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

1st	APPLETON	JANUARY 13,	2007
	PINE GROVE		
3rd	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	JULY.7,	2007

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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#### NEXT ASSOCIATION

CANAAN......OCTOBER 13, 2007

### **MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE**

DECEMBER 29, 2006	CANAAN
MARCH 23, 2007	PINE GROVE
JUNE 22, 2007	
SEPTEMBER 28, 2007	

#### **OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

MODERATOR	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT
793 RANGE CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL 36475	(248-2601)
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	
2584 COUNTY RD. 15, REPTON, AL. 36475	(248-2016)

#### LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION

CLERK & TREASURER......IVAN I. STEWART P.O. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL36562 (937-8689) BOARD MEMBERS......BOBBY BOATWRIGHT & W.G.PALMER

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

YEAR

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

REV. GRADY PALMER......RT. 1 BOX 287, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2007 (966-2371)

#### CTS DIRECTOR

STAN WARD......151 BAGGETT ST., CASTLEBERRY,36432......2007 (867-7530)

#### CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE

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### **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

BOBBY BOATWRIGHT.....793 RANGE CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL 36475 CLYDE BRULEY.......2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL 36502 CLIFFTON BUCHANAN......P.O. BOX 475, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432 CHAD COOPER......9964 APPLETON RD., BREWTON, AL 36426 RONALD G. HALL......P.O. BOX 792, ATMORE, AL. 36502

### RETIRED MINISTERS

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

### **ORDAINED DEACONS**

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

A.L. HOLLINGER	SEMIRAH SPRINGS
ROSS PRESLEY	PINE GROVE
RODGER PRESLEY	PINE GROVE
IVAN I. STEWART	PINE GROVE
STAN WARD	APPLETON
RAYNOND 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

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#### **PROCEEDINGS**

#### SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 2006

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT UNION GROVE CHURCH ON OCTOBER 7, 2006 FOR THE 117th ANNUAL SESSION.

THE MORNING SERVICES BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO.IVAN STEWART, REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

REV. RONALD HALL GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, 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. IERIC GRAY LED THE SINGING TO BEGIN THE WORSHIP HOUR.

BRO. IVAN STEWART LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$33.22 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY MARK GRAY.

REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT, DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE USING VARIOUS SCRIPTURE 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 7, 2006

BRO. CLYDE BRULEY OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

BRO.BOBBY BOATWRIGTH CALLED THE BUSINESS SESSION BACK TO ORDER.

BRO. IVAN STEWART GAVE THE REPORT ON LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS, BRO. CLYDE BRULEY GAVE THE CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT, SIS. JUDY MARION GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT, 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, REV. W. G. PALMER GAVE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT, BRO. STAN WARD GAVE THE CTS REPORT.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO BRING THE MOTION TO STOP THE 10% MONEY GCING TO LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS UNTIL NEEDED AGAIN OFF THE TABLE MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED. MOTION WAS PUT TO A VOTE DID NOT CARRY.

ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN. A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO EAR-MARK THE FOLLOWING: STATE MISSIONS TO DENNIS HAYGOOD, INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MIKE AND CATHY CORELY, JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER, AND NATIONAL TO ROGER RAPER. A MOTION WAS MADE TC ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION, MOTION SECONDED 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 AND JUDY MARION

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR:

MODERATOR	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT
ASSIST. MODERATOR	W. G. PALMER
CLERK	JUDY MARION
EX. COMMITTEE	RALPH BEASLEY
ORDAINING COUNCI	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT
HOME MISSION TREASURE	IVAN STEWART
BOARD 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

A PLETON: JUANITA WARD, PERRY WELLS, ANITA STUCKEY CANAAN: JUDY RATHSACK, QUIDA GRISSETT, FRANCES BEASLEY P.NE GROVE: GWEN STEWART, DONNA PRESLEY, PATSY PRESLEY RANGE: MARIE GREEN, EVELYN JOHNSON, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT SEMIRAH SPRINGS: HELEN DEESE, BETTY FRETWELL, JANICE HALL UNION GROVE: CINDY BUCHANAN, BETTY GRAY, RUTHEL PALMER

#### **MINISTERS' REPORT**

	SERMONS	CHURCHES PASTORED	REVIVALS HELD	PRO. WITNESSE	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	FU ERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	106	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	\$ 15,150.00
CLYDE BRULEY	106	1	1	2	4	3	2	1	\$ 10,400.00
CLIFTON BUCHANAN	145	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	\$ 20,800.00
CHAD COOPER	50	1	1	0	0	0	G	0	\$ 2,000.00
RONALD G. HALL	102	1	0	3	2	2	2	0	\$ 13,275.00
W. G. PALMER	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	\$ 2,275.00

#### QUARTERLY MEETING'S REPORT

FIRST MEETING: CANAAN - JANUARY 7, 2006

REV.BOBBY BOATWRIGHT BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW 16:13 WITH "WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS" AS THE THOUGHT FOR HIS MESSAGE.

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

2. MOTION FOR CHURCH'S TO PAY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS DIRECTOR .40 CENTS PER MILE WHEN THEY VISIT THEIR CHURCH. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

SECOND MEETING: PINE GROVE - APRIL 8, 2006

REV. RONALD HALL BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE, FROM MARK 2 WITH WHAT DOES THE CHURCH NEED AS THE THOUGHT FOR HIS MESSAGE. PRAYER BY SPEAKER .

1.STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO DENNIS HAYGOOD 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 RAISE THE CLERK FROM \$100.00 TO \$150.00. MOTION WAS TABLED UNTIN NEXT BUSINESS MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SEND A \$500.00 DONATION TO THE EURNED CHURCH FUND MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

#### THIRD MEETING: APPLETON JULY 8, 2006

REV.CLYDE BRULEY BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM PSALM 8 WITH VERSES 4.5 & 6 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 WAS MADE TO BRING THE MOTION TO RAISE THE CLERK FROM \$100.00 TO \$150.00 OFF THE TABLE MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

3. A MOTION WAS MADE TO STOP THE 10% MONEY GOING TO LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS UNTIL NEEDED AGAIN, MOTION TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE LIBERTY NO 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, MET AT APPLETON FWB CHURCH OF CASTLEBERRY, AL. MAY 6, 2006 FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY REV.CHAD COOPER.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED OF \$70.73.

REV.GRADY PALMER, SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR PRESIDED OVER THE PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS WERE PRESENTED BY: APPLETON, RANGE, SEMIRAH SPRINGS AND UNION GROVE CHURCHES.

SISTER RUTHEL PALMER READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND THEY WERE APPROVED BY THE BODY.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO THREE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS:

REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT - RANGE SISTER MARIE GREEN - RANGE BRO. RONNIE CAIN APPLETON

SPECIAL RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN TO ALL SIX CHURCHES FOR BUILDING SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

SUPERINTENDENTS SERVING THE CHURCHES THIS YEAR WERE:PINE GROVE-IVAN STEWARTCANAAN-KEVIN FILMORESEMIRAH SPRINGS-PHIL HOLLINGERRANGE-BOBBY BOATWRIGHTAPPLETON-BERRY STUCKYUNION GROVE-ALLEN GRAY

REV. GRADY PALMER WAS REELECTED AS SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR THE COMING YEAR.

THE CONGREGATION WAS DISMISSED BY PRAYER AND BLESSING OF THE FOOD.

RUTHEL PALMER SEC.

### LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION OF FWB OCTOBER 1, 2006

BALANCE IN TREA	ASURER	\$88,037.60
PLUS:	INTEREST CD #33111	948.37
	INTEREST CD #33114	468.53
	INTEREST THRU 10/1/06	212.98
	10% MONEY	1,951.59
	TOTAL:	. \$91,619.07

#### INFORMATION:

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BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET	\$ 7,240.19
BALANCE IN CD #33111	34,378.88
BALANCE IN CD #33113	25,000.00
BALANCE IN CD #33114	25,000.00
TOTAL IN BANK 10/1/06	•

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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 4, 2006 AT 7:00 PM.

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

BRO. CLIFF BUCHANAN GAVE THE DEVOTION, FROM JOHN CHAPTER 15 VERSE 5.

AN OFFERING OF \$34.25 WAS RECEIVED.

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

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

BRO. STAN WARD RECOGNIZED THE CTS SUPERINTENDENTS WITH A HALLEYS BIBLE HANDBOOK:

**UNION GROVE: ALLEN GRAY SEMIRAH SPRINGS: RAYMOND WOODS APPLETON: DEWEY COOPER** 

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

BRO. STAN WARD WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AGAIN FOR THE NEXT YEAR. 1~

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

AFTER BUSINESS AND DISMISSED WITH PRAYER, THE HOST CHURCH PROVIDED RE-FRESHMENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

JUANITA WARD, 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 7, 2006

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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/8/05	\$ 13,569.85
10% MONIES	5,759.76
DISBURSEMENTS	-3,600.00
BALANCE AS OF 10/7/06	\$ 15,729.61

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#### LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 7, 2006

#### **BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/8/05**

\$ 3,355.05

DEPOSITS:	1. ASSOC. OFFERINGS-2005	\$58.40
	2. 1ST QTR. MEETING	69.20
	3. 2ND QTR. MEETING	43.95
	4. 3RD QRT. MEETING	39.50
	5. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	70.73
	6. CTS RALLY	34.25
	7. 10% MONEY - APPLETON	6,262.87
	CANAAN	2,736.63
	PINE GRQVE	747.69
	RANGE	3,232.84
	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	4,237.26
	UNION GROVE	3,427.52

TOTAL DEPOSITS

\$ 20,960.84

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#### TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

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	<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>2005 ASSOC. OFFERINGS</li> <li>SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION</li> <li>ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.</li> <li>OFFICERS FEES</li> </ol>	1,919.81 $2,879.88$ $959.97$ $1,919.93$ $1,919.93$ $1,919.93$ $1,919.93$ $5,759.76$ $58.40$ $4.07$ $810.00$ $225.00$	
	12. OFFICERS FEES 13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE 14. CTS RALLY 15. SERVICE CONTRACT - COPIER	225.00 209.54 49.00 385.00	
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$20,715.15	

#### CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/7/06

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\$ 3,600.74

#### **EXPENDITURE REPORT - ANNUAL 2006**

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	6,262.87	2,736.63	747.69	3,232.84	4,237.26	3,427.52		20,644.81
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.							1,919.81	1,919.81
CHILDREN'S HOME		600.00		415.58	1,339.00	270.12	2,879.88	5,504.58
RETIREMENT FUND							5,759.76	5,759.76
							959.97	959.97
ASSOC. TREAS.							1,445.16	1,445.16
MISSIONS: GIDEONS								
LIBERTY NO. 1							1,919.93	1,919.93
NAT. HOME MISSION	668.76						1,919.93	2,588.69
ALA. HOME MISSION							1,919.93	1,919.93
FOREIGN MISSIONS	668.76						1,919.93	2,588.69
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:								
GUEST SPEAKERS	0	0	90.00	0	1,100.0	150.00		1,340.00
PASTOR	17,000.00	10,600.00	0	15,150.00	13,275.00	20,800.00		76,925.00
LITERATURE	3,536.13	884.77	152.34	855.53	1,365.40	1,758.85		8,553.02
EVANGELIST	1,300.00	300.00	0	400.00	500.00	414.00		2,914.00
BLDG. & REPAIRS	8,280.30	17,803.75	1,896.43	3,993.56	0	6,417.96		38,392.00
MISCELLANEOU S	32,644.40	5,257.22	1,942.05	3,020.89	15,627.94	9,015.86		68,508.36
OTHER	1,465.52	1,050.00	0	480.00	1,000.00	500.00		4,495.52
LOAN PAYMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	62,628.69	27,366.46	7,477.91	1 19,140.81	42,372.58	34,667.37		193,653.82

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#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 2006**

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	0	3	0	0	4	2	9
BAPTISM LETTER CONF.FAITH	0 0 0	3 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 2 0	0 0 2	5 2 2
MEMBERS DISMISSED	1	19	0	0	0	1	21
LETTER OTHER *DECEASED	0 0 1	0 19 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 1	0 19 2
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	91	36	38	40	40	29	274
ACTIVE	65	36	4	40	28	21	194
IN ACTIVE	26 <sup>-</sup>	0	34	0	12	8	80
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS	67	30	4	20	68	57	246
SUNDAY SCHOOL CTS AUXILIARY	33 22 12	22 0 8	4 0 0	14 0 6	39 29 0	26 24 7	138 75 33

**1ST QUARTERLY MEETING** 

2ND QUARTERLY MEETING

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3RD QUARTERLY MEETING LILLIAN MCGOUGIN, AGE 66 PASSED AWAY MONDAY APRIL 24, 2006, MEMBER OF APPLETON CHURCH

4TH QUARTERLY MEETING (ASSOCIATION) RUTH BAGGETT, AGE 83 PASSED AWAY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2006, 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.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> 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 \$150.00, 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.

<u>SECTION 13.</u> 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.)

<u>SECTION 16.</u> 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.

### <u>COMMITTEES</u>

### 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'S LEPHONE
APPLETON 251-867-4596		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		ROSS H PRESLEY 23251 PINE GROVE CHURCH RD PERDIDO, AL 36562	251 583-3304
RANGE 248-2601	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT 793 RANGE CEMTARY RD. REPTON, AL 36475	GEORGIA ENGLISH 117 RANGE CEMTARY RD. REPTON, AL 36475	248-2502
SEMIRAH SPRINGS 251-577-6102	RONALD G. HALL / P.O. BOX 792 ATMORE, AL. 36502	GENETA WOODS - 3847 SOUTH PALMER RD. URIAH, AL 36480	862-2593
UNION GROVE 251 966-5280	CLIFTON BUCHANAN - P. O. BOX 475 CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432	APRIL GRAY ROUTE 1, BOX 212 CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432	966-2389

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## 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 EAIL 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.

