

ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of the

LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

2008

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH APPLETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH BREWTON, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 11, 2008

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1st	RANGE	JANUARY 10,	2009
	PINE GROVE		
	CANAAN	•	

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

APPLETON MAY 5, 2009

NEXT ASSOCIATION

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 26, 2008	RANGE
MARCH 27, 2009	•
JUNE 26, 2009	
SEPTEMBER 25, 2009	

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OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

MODERATOR	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT
793 RANGE CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL 36475	(248-2601)
ASSIST. MODERATOR	W.G. PALMER
245 POCKETBOOK RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432	(966-2371)
CLERK	JUDY MARION
1221 TIPPENS EDDY ROAD, BREWTON, AL 36426	(867-9136, CELL 510-5428)
ASSIST. CLERK	ANGELA WARD
2584 COUNTY RD. 15, REPTON, AL. 36475	(895-7372)

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

ROBERT CRAIG....46030 SUNSET DRIVE EAST, BAY MINETTE, AL. 36507...2009 W. G. PALMER.....245 POCKETBOOK RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432.....2010 BOBBY BOATWRIGHT.....793 CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL 36475......2011 CLYDE BRULEY......2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE AL 36502......2012 CLIFTON BUCHANAN.....P.O. BOX 475, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2013

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

REV. W. G. PALMER...245 POCKETBOOK RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432..2009 (966-2371)

CTS DIRECTOR

GARY BENEFIELD......401 WESTSIDE RD., CASTLEBERRY, 36432.....2009 (966-2132)

CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE

ORDAINED MINISTERS

BOBBY BOATWRIGHT......793 RANGE CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL 36475 CLYDE BRULEY.......2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL 36502 CLIFTON BUCHANAN......P.O. BOX 475, CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432 KEITH COLE......11216 APPLETON RD., CASTLEBERRY AL. 36432 ROBERT CRAIG..46030 SUNSET DRIVE EAST, BAY MINETTE, AL. 36507 RONALD G. HALL......P.O. BOX 792, ATMORE, AL. 36502

RETIRED MINISTERS

W.G. PALMER......245 POCKETBOOK RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432

ORDAINED DEACONS

RALPH BEASLEY	CANAAN
BARRY FILLMORE	
KEVIN FILLMORE	
ERIC GRAY	

A.L. HULLINGER	SEIMIRAH SPRINGS
ROSS PRESLEY	PINE GROVE
RODGER PRESLEY	PINE GROVE
IVAN I. STEWART	PINE GROVE
RAYMOND WOODS	

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 11, 2008

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT APPLETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON OCTOBER 11, 2008 FOR THE 119th ANNUAL SESSION.

THE MORNING SERVICES BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY SIS. JUDY MARION, REV. KEITH COLE GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. CLYDE BRULEY 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.

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD GAVE THE CTS REPORT, BRO. IVAN STREWART GAVE THE REPORT ON THE LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSION, MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

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

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

REV. GRADY PALMER LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$110.12 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY SIS. JUDY MARION

REV. TIM RIGGS, DELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM 1CORINTHIANS 15:58. 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 BY REV. KEITH COLE.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 11, 2008

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

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY THE STUCKEY FAMILY.

REV. GRADY PALMER CALLED THE BUSINESS SESSION BACK TO ORDER. REV. 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, MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED

ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN. A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO EAR-MARK THE FOLLOWING: STATE MISSIONS TO TIM RIGGS, INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MIKE AND CATHY CORELY, JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER, AND NATIONAL TO TIM RIGGS. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT ALL THREE OFFICERS 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, CINDY BUCHANAN, LUCILE BRULEY, JANICE HALL AND JUDY MARION

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR:

MODERATOR	
ASSIST. MODERATOR	W. G. PALMER

CLERK	JUDY MARION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	IVAN STEWART
ORDAINING COUNCIL	ROBERT CRAIG
•	CLIFTON BUCHANAN
HOME MISSION TREASURE	IVAN STEWART
HOME MISSION BOARD MEMBER	W. G. PALMER

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, LUCILE BRULEY, FRANCES BEASLEY PINE GROVE: GWEN STEWART, CORNILLA PRESLEY, JO ANN CRAIG RANGE: FAYE HAMMAC, EVELYN JOHNSON, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT SEMIRAH SPRINGS: LIBBY LUNDAY, GENETA WOODS, GEORGE LUNDAY UNION GROVE: CINDY BUCHANAN, BETTY ELDER, RUTHEL PALMER

MINISTERS' REPORT

	SERMONS	CHURCHES PASTORED	REVIVALS HELD	PRO. WITNESSE	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	FUNERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	96	1	1	0	0	1	10	1	\$ 15,600.00
CLYDE BRULEY	100	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	\$ 13,700.00
CLIFTON BUCHANAN	140	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	\$ 20,800.00
KEITH COLE	112	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	\$ 13,200.00
ROBERT CRAIG	55	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	\$ 7,500.00
RONALD G. HALL	98	1	0	2	2	1	5	0	\$ 15,750.00
W. G. PALMER	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	\$ 2,600.00

OUARTERLY MEETING'S REPORT

FIRST MEETING: SEMIRAH SPRINGS - JANUARY 12, 2008

REV.BOBBY BOATWRIGHT BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE USING VARIOUS SCRIPTURE FOR HIS MESSAGE. REV. CLYDE BRULEY LED IN PRAYER.

1.STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO DENNIS HAYGOOD, NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO ROGER RAPER. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EAR-MARKED 2\3 TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND 1\3 JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.

SECOND MEETING: PINE GROVE - APRIL 12, 2008

REV. KEITH COLE BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE, FROM LUKE 16:19, WITH WHO TOLD YOU AND WHO WILL YOU TELL FOR HIS MESSAGE. PRAYER BY SPEAKER

1.STATE HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS. FOREIGN MISSIONS EAR-MARKED TO MIKE AND CATHY CORELY AND JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.

2. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ORDAIN BRO. BARRY STUCKEY AS DEACON MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO PUT BRO. RAYMOND WOODS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN PLACE OF BRO. TED FRETWELL MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

THIRD MEETING: RANGE JULY 12, 2008

REV.KEITH COLE BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE AND ARE YOU LIVING IT FOR HIS MESSAGE.

AMOTION WAS MADE TO SEND CHRISTIAN HOME A LETTER ACCEPTING THEIR RESIGNATION AND THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE ASSOCIATION, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

1.STATE HOME MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BE 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 UNION GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CASTLEBERRY, AL. MAY 3, 2008 FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY REV.CLIFTON BUCHANAN.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED OF \$76.13.

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

REV. GRADY PALMER PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. SISTER RUTHEL PALMER READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND THEY WERE APPROVED BY THE BODY.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED.TO FOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS

REV. GRADY PALMER RUTHEL PALMER REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN HANNAH BUCHANAN UNION GROVE UNION GROVE UNION GROVE

UNION GROVE

SPECIAL RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN TO ALL THE CHURCHES

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.

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LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION OF FWB OCTOBER 1, 2008

BALA	NCE IN TREA	ASURER	. \$98,150.51
	PLUS:	INTEREST CD #35085	1,853.89
		INTEREST CD #35086 INTEREST CD #35107	1,348.13 1,348.13
		INTEREST THRU 8/29/08 (MONEY MARKET)	
			\$105,023.70

INFORMATION:

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BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET	11,445.12
BALANCE IN CD #35085	38,127.16
BALANCE IN CD #35086	•
BALANCE IN CD #35107	•

TOTAL IN BANK 10/1/08...... \$105,023.70

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

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CTS RALLY

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS HELD AT APPLETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 1, 2008 AT 7:00 PM.

THE RALLY WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. ALLEN GRAY, AND A CORDIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED BY BRO. KEITH COLE WHO LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. RONALD HALL GAVE THE DEVOTION, FROM PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 5 VERSE 20.

AN OFFERING OF \$59.70 WAS RECEIVED.

BRO.GARY BENEFIELD 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. GARY BENEFIELD RECOGNIZED THE CTS TEACHER'S WITH THE LONGEST YEARS OF SERVICE OLLIE MAE COOPER ELLA RUTH HALL

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

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AGAIN FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

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 11, 2008

 BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/13/07
 \$ 18,119.86

 10% MONIES
 6,615.67

 DISBURSEMENTS
 -4,200.00

BALANCE AS OF 10/11/08

\$ 20,535.53

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LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 11, 2008

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/13/07

\$ 3,713.14

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\$ 4,214.27

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DEPOSITS:	1. ASSOC. OFFERINGS-2006	\$86.70	
	2. 1ST QTR. MEETING	76.94	
	3. 2ND QTR. MEETING	79.49	
•	4. 3RD QRT. MEETING	80.35	
	5. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	v 76.13	
	6. CTS RALLY	59.70	. •
	7. 10% MONEY - APPLETON	3,951.42	•
	CANAAN	3,222.94	
	CHRISTIAN HOMI	E 2,955.73	
	PINE GROVE	1,968.60	
	RANGE	3,569.40	
	SEMIRAH SPRING	S 2,770.07	
	UNION GROVE	5,273.91	
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 24,171.38	
TOTAL CASH AV	AILABLE	*	\$ 27,884.52

EXPENDITURES:	1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	2,205.19
	2. CHILDREN'S HOME	3,307.83
	3. BIBLE COLLEGE	1,102.60
	4. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS	2,205.21
	5. NAT. HOME MISSIONS	2,205.21
	6. ALA. HOME MISSIONS	2,205.21
	7. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS	2,205.21
	8. RETIREMENT	6,615.67
	9. 2006 ASSOC. OFFERINGS	86.70
	10.SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	0.00
	11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOC.	945.00
	12. OFFICERS FEES	275.00
	13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE	210.67
	14. CTS RALLY	100.75

TOTAL PAID OUT

\$23,670.25

CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/11/08

JUDY MARION, TREASURER

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT 2008

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	3,951.42	3,222.94	1,968.60	3,569.40	2,770.07	5,273.91		23,712.04
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR,							2,205.19	2,205.19
CHILDREN'S HOME		2,130.00		591.50	335.00	322.79	3,307.83	€,687.12
RETIREMENT FUND				•			6,615.67	6,615.67
BIBLE COLLEGE							1,102.60	1,102.60
ASSOC. TREAS.							1,659.93	1,659.93
MISSIONS: GIDEONS					235.00	1,631.43		1,856.43
LIBERTY NO. 1							2,205.21	2,205.21
NAT. HOME MISSION							2,205.21	2,205.21
ala. Home Mission	2,400.00				468.60		2,205.21	5,073.81
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS		;				117.35	2,205.21.	2,322.56
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:								
GUEST SPEAKERS	0	0	100.00	0	0	500.00		600.00
PASTOR	13,700.00	11,700.00	7,500.00	14,300.00	15,750.00	20,800.00		83,750.00
LITERATURE	1,767.04	1,263.02	602.31	638,32	1,424.15	2,075.07		7,769.91
EVANGELIST	Ð	350.00	0	1,238.10	700.00	602,00		2,890.10
BLDG. & REPAIRS	21,025.65	771.56	6,492.40	7,353.79	0	1,658.50		37,301.90
MISCELLANEOUS	13,255.48	11,551.76	1,051.67	3,237.90	11,203.04	13,621.92		53,921.77
OTHER	1,074.76	1,600.00	150.00	480.00	1,150.00	3,350.00		7,804.76
LOAN PAYMENTS	Ð	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	39,514.14	32,229.20	15,896.38	35,694.40	27,700.70	52,739.15	CH 2,955.73	206,729.70

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - ANNUAL - 2008

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	0	0	3	. 1	1	4	9
BAPTISM LETTER CONF.FAITH	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 2	0 1 0	1 0 0	0 4 0	2 5 2
MEMBERS DISMISSED	4	0	0	0	1	1	6
LETTER OTHER *DECEASED	4 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 1	1 0 0	5 0 1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	85	36	41	45	42	35	284
ACTIVE	65	36	10	45	30	23	209
IN ACTIVE	20	. 0	28	0	12	12	72
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS							
SUNDAY SCHOOL CTS AUXILIARY	26 17 8	22 0 8	18 0 0	16 0 8	29 19 0	34 25 0	145 61 24

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING

2ND QUARTERLY MEETING JAMES GORUM, AGE 56 MEMBER APPLETON CHURCH, DIED JANUARY 5, 2008

3RD QUARTERLY MEETING CAROLYN BAKER, AGE 63, MEMBER APPLETON CHURCH, DIED MAY 30, 2008 NORMAN COOPER, AGE 79, MEMBER APPLETON CHURCH, DIED JUNE 16, 2008 TED FRETWELL, AGE 78, DEACON/ MEMBER SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH, DIED APRIL 6, 2008

4TH QUARTERLY MEETING (ASSOCIATION)

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 \$150.00, ASSISTANT CLERK \$25.00 AND MODERATOR \$50.00, (D) DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO PAY \$135.00 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.

<u>SECTION 15.</u> 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; CH!LDREN'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 EEGINNING 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 V/HEN 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. NODERATOR", BUT SHALL NOT SPEAK FURTHER UNTIL F ECOGNIZED 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. <u>CLERK-TREASURER</u>

- A. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE CLERK TO PREPARE THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE AS SOCIATION, AND THE HANDLING OF SUCH OFFICIAL CCRRESPONDENCE 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 AE SENCE 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.

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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 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.