#### MINUTES

#### OF THE

## ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

## OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## HELD WITH SEMIFAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH URIAH, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 10, 2009

# **QUARTERLY MEETINGS** .....APPLETON......JANUARY '-9, 2010 ......PINE GROVE......APRIL 10, 2010 2nd SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION CTS RALLY SEMIRAH SFRINGS......AUGUST 6, 2010 **NEXT ASSOCIATION** RANGE.....OCTOBER 9, 2010 MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE DECEMBER 18, 2009......CANAAN

MARCH 26, 2010.....PINE GROVE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010.....SEMIRAH SPRING

RANGE

JUNE 25, 2010.....

## OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

	ASSIST. MODERATOR	48-260° ALMEI 66-2371 MARIOI 10-5428
	LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSION	
	CLERK & TREASURERIVAN I. ST P.O. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL36562 (9 BOARD MEMBERSBOBBY BOATWRIGHT & W.G.F	37-8689
	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	•
		YEAF
	STAN WARD151 BAGGETT CIRCLE., CASTLEBERRY,AL36432	
	RALPH BEASLEY1621 BEASLEY RD. BREWTON AL 36426	
	RAYMOND WOODS3847 S.PALMER RD., URIAH,AL 36480	
	IVAN STEWARTP.O. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL 36562 ERIC GRAY179 JAY VILLA RD, EVERGREEN, AL 36401	
	ORDAINING COUNCIL	
	W. G. PALMER245 POCKETBOOK RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL 36432	2010
	BOBBY BOATWRIGHT793 CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL 36475	2011
	CLYDE BRULEY2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE AL 36502	
	CLIFTON BUCHANANP.O. BOX 475, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432	
•	ROBERT CRAIG46030 SUNSET DRIVE EAST, BAY MINETTE, AL. 3650	J72014
	SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR	
	REV. W. G. PALMER245 POCKETBOOK RD., CASTLEBERRY,AL. 364 (966-2371)	322010
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	GARY BENEFIELD401 WESTSIDE RD., CASTLEBERRY,36432 (966-2132)	2010
	CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE CLIFTON BUCHANANP.O. BOX 475, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432 (966-5280)	2011

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

<b>BOBBY BOATWRIGHT</b>	793 RANGE CEMTARY RD.,	REPTON,	AL	36475
CLYDE BRULEY	2032 J.J. CIRCLE,	ATMORE,	AL	36502
CLIFTON BUCHANAN.	P.O. BOX 475, CAST	LEBERRY,	AL	36432
KEITH COLE	.11216 APPLETON RD., CAST	LEBERRY	AL.	36432
ROBERT CRAIG4603	O 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	CANAAN
KEVIN FILLMORE	CANAAN
ERIC GRAY	UNION GROVE
ROSS PRESLEY	
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 10, 2009

THE LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MET AT SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON OCTOBER 10, 2009 FOR THE 120th ANNUAL SESSION.

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

REV.. KEITH COLE 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.

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 \$90.46 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHILDREN CHURCH

REV. ROBERT CRAIG, D'ELIVERED THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM VARIOUS SCRIPTRUE WITH WE NEED AN OPEN VISION AS HIS THEME 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 EY REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10, 2009

REV. CLYDE BRULEY OPENED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, PRAYER BY BRO, IVAN STEWART.

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY THE SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH GROUP.

REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT CALLED THE BUSINESS SESSION BACK TO ORDER. BRO. IVAN STEWART GAVE THE REPORT ON LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS. REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN 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 TO EACH MINISTER. CLERK READ CARDS TO BODY AND GAVE MINISTER'S THEIR NEW CARDS, REV. W. G. PALMER GAVE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT, BRO. GARY BENEFIELD GAVE THE CTS REPORT A 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: 1.STATE MISSIONS TO TIM RIGGS, 2.INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TO JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER 3.NATIONAL MISSIONS TO TIM RIGGS. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT ALL OFFICERS AS THEY ARE MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ELECT REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN AS CHILDREN HOME REPRESENTATIVE MOTION SECOND AND PASSED.

THE CLERK GAVE THE MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR AND RECEIVED THE NAMES OF DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: GWIEN 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
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	ERIC GRAY
ORDAINING COUNCIL	ROBERT CRAIG
HOME MISSION TREASURE	IVAN STEWART
HOME MISSION BOARD MEMBER	W. G. PALMER
CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE	REV.CLIFTON BUCHANAN

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: JUANITA WARD, FAYE COLE, PERRY WELLS
CANAAN: JUDY RATHSACK, LUCILE BRULEY, FRANCES BEASLEY
PINE GROVE: GWEN STEWART, CORNILLA PRESLEY, JO ANN CRAIG
RANGE: FAYE HAMMACK, EVELYN JOHNSON, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT
SEMIRAH SPRINGS: LIBBY LUNDAY, BETTY FRETWELL, VONCILE HAYLES
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	102	1	1	0	0		2	0	\$ 15,600.00
CLYDE BRULEY	100	1	0	1	1	1	6	1	\$ 11,700.00
CLIFTON BUCHANAN	148	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	\$ 20,800.00
KEITH COLE	173	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	\$ 17,850.00
ROBERT CRAIG	50+	1	1.	0	0	0	1	0	\$ 8,550.00
RONALD G. HALL	101	1	0	2	0	2	4	3	\$ 16,200.00
W. G. PALMER	1020	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	\$ 2,550.00

#### QUARTERLY MEETING'S REPORT

FIRST MEETING: RANGE - JANUARY 10, 2009

REV.ROBERT CRAIG BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM JOHN 13 WITH FOOT WASHING AS THE THEME FOR HIS MESSAGE. PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

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

#### SECOND MEETING: PINE GROVE - APRIL 11, 2009

REV. TIM RIGGS BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE, FROM 1 PETER 1:18-21, WITH WHY THE RESSURATION AS THE THEME 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.

#### THIRD MEETING: CANAAN JULY 11, 2009

REV.KEITH COLE BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM PSALMS 27:14 WITH WAIT ON THE LORD AS THE THOUGHT FOR HIS MESSAGE.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ELECT SOMEONE TO FINISH OUT REV.CLYDE BRULEY TERM AS CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVE, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED. REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN WAS ELECTED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO BRING THE MOTION TO CHANGE ARTICLE V, SECTION 10(E) FROM \$2500.00 TO \$27500.00 OFF THE TABLE MOTION SECOND AND PASSED. AFTER A BREIF DISCUSSION MOTION TO CHANGE 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 JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE LIBERTY NO 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, MET AT APPLETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CASTLEBERRY, ALABAMA. MAY 2, 2009 FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BRO. STAN WARD.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED OF \$48.55.

REV.GRADY PALMER, SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR PRESIDED OVER THE PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS WERE PRESENTED BY: APPLETON, CANAAN, 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 FIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS

REV. KEITH COLE
APPLETON
ANN MARSHALL
APPLETON
WAYNE BARNES
APPLETON

REV. RONALD HALL SEMIRAH SPRINGS PHIL HOLLINGER SEMIRAH SPRINGS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN TO ALL THE CHURCHES

SUPERINTENDENTS SERVING THE CHURCHES THIS YEAR WERE:

PINE GROVE-IVAN STEWART

SEMIRAH SPRINGS-PHIL HOLLINGER

APPLETON-BERRY STUCKY

CANAAN-KEVIN FILMORE

RANGE-BOBBY BOATWRIGHT

UNION GROVE-GARY BENEFIELD

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, 2009

BALANCE IN TREASURER	\$105,023.70
PLUS: INTEREST CD #35085	999.42
INTEREST CD #35086	727.13
INTEREST CD #35107	88.61
INTEREST THRU 8/31/09 (MONEY MARKET)	140.83
10% MONEY	2,211.27
TOTAL:	\$109,190.96
MINUS: CHECKS & CHECK BINDER	74.07
RE-IMBURSE CD PENALTY TO RANGE CHURCH	393.63
GRAND TOTAL	108,723.26
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#### **INFORMATION:**

BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET\$	28,082.51
BALANCE IN CD #335085	39,127.08
BALANCE IN CD #335086	28,452.84
BALANCE IN CD #336529	13,060.83
BALANCE IN CD #335107 (CASHED IN)	
TOTAL IN BANK 10/1/09\$1	08,723.26

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

## **CTS RALLY**

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS HELD AT UNION GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 7, 2009 AT 7:00 PM.

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

BRO. STAN WARD GAVE THE DEVOTION, FROM HEBREWS CHAPTER 13 VERSE 8.

AN OFFERING OF \$85.50 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 OLDEST IN CTS:

REV, GRADY PALMER OLLIE MAE COOPER HELEN DEES

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 REFRESHMENTS 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 10, 2009

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/11/08

\$ 19,335.53

10% MONIES

6,716.27

**DISBURSEMENTS** 

<del>-7,200.00</del>

**BALANCE AS OF 10/10/09** 

\$ 18,851.80

## LIBERTY NO. 1 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 10, 2009

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/13/07								
DEPOSITS:	1. ASSOC. OFFERINGS-2008 2. 1ST QTR. MEETING 3. 2ND QTR. MEETING 4. 3RD QRT. MEETING 5. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 6. CTS RALLY 7. 10% MONEY -APPLETON CANAAN	\$110.12 66.00 63.50 53.12 48.55 85.50 4,205.49 5,209.08						
	PINE GROVE RANGE SEMIRAH SPRINGS UNION GROVE	2,924.93 3,710.50 3,111.04 4,911.64						
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 24,499.47						
TOTAL CASH AVA	ILABLE		\$ 28,713.74					
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EXPENDITURES:	1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR 2. CHILDREN'S HOME 3. BIBLE COLLEGE 4. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS 5. NAT. HOME MISSIONS 6. ALA. HOME MISSIONS 7. LIBERTY NO. 1 HOME MISSIONS 8. RETIREMENT 9. 2008 ASSOC. OFFERINGS 10.SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOC. 12. OFFICERS FEES 13. SUPPLIES, POSTAGE 14. CTS RALLY	2,238.75 3,358.13 1,119.36 2,238.75 2,238.75 2,238.75 2,238.75 6,716.27 101.12 0.00 810.00 275.00 194.33 60.23						
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$23,837.19						

CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/10/09

\$ 4,876.55

JUDY MARION, TREASURER

## ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT 2009

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	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	4,205.49	5,209.08	2,924.93	3,710.50	3,111.04	4,911.64		23,712.04
STATE PROMOTIONAL DIR.							2,238.75	2,238.75
CHILDREN'S HOME		1,105.00		453.00	150.00	261.96	3,358.13	5,328.09
RETIREMENT FUND							6,716.27	6,716.17
BIBLE COLLEGE							1,119.36	1,119.36
ASSOC. TREAS.					•	·	1,685.17	1,685.17
MISSIONS: GIDEONS					250.00	1,732.40		1,982.40
LIBERTY NO. 1			,				2,238.75	2,205.21
NAT. HOME MISSION					·		2,238.75	2,205.21
ALA. HOME MISSION	2,400.00	•	·			500.00	2,238.75	5,138.75
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS						101.00	2,238.75	2,339.75
LOCAL EXPENDITURES:								
GUEST SPEAKERS	600.00	0	150.00	0	0	150.00		900.00
. PASTOR	17,850.00	11,925.00	8,550.00	15,600.00	15,600.00	20,800.00		90,325.00
LITERATURE	1,451.02	2,270.49	984.52	445.44	1,553.34	1,986.48		8,691.29
EVANGELIST	0	0	0	400.00	500.00	508.40		1,408.40
BLDG. & REPAIRS	9,026.51	12,007.75	3,932.62	18,124.22	0	6,096.33		49,187.43
MISCELLANEOUS	5,794.81	11,443.99	1,633.89	1,461.45	11,926.56	10,479.63		42,730.33
OTHER	1,025.00	2,025.00	200.00	0	950.00	1,658.00		5,858.00
LOAN PAYMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	42,054.98	52,090.77	29,249.31	41,529.56	31,209.83	49,882.30		246,016.75

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT- 2009**

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	UNION GROVE	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	0	1	0	0	2	5	8
BAPTISM LETTER CONF.FAITH	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 2 0	0 5 0	1 7 0
MEMBERS DISMISSED	5	2	0	1	2	2	12
LETTER OTHER *DECEASED	4 0 1	0 0 2	0 0 0	0 0 1	0 0 2	2 0 0	6 0 6
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	83	35	41	44	42	39	284
ACTIVE	66	35	.13	44	<u>;</u> 30	28 -	216
IN ACTIVE	17	0	28	0	12	11	68
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS	· ·						
SUNDAY SCHOOL  CTS  AUXILIARY	32 17 0	22 0 14	10 0 0	16 0 0	29 19 0	36 28 0	145 64 14

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING .
SYLVIA JOHNSON, AGE 57, DIED DECEMBER 13, 2008 MEMBER APPLETON CHURCH

#### **2ND QUARTERLY MEETING**

ODIS PHILLIPS, AGE 77, DIED JANUARY 16, 2009 MEMBER SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH ALTON W. BELL, AGE 88. DIED JANUARY 24, 2009 MEMBER CANAAN CHURCH RICHARD C. RATHSACK, AGE 67, DIED FEBRUARY 27, 2009 MEMBER CANAAN CHURCH ESTELLE KNOWLES, AG E 87, DIED MARCH 9, 2009 MEMBER RANGE CHURCH

3RD QUARTERLY MEETING BILL SAGERS, AGE 95,DIED MAY 3, 2009 TRUSTEE/ MEMBER SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH

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

THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE, "LIBERTY NUMBER 1 ASSOCIATION CF 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 \$27,500.00 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.

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 VISSIONARIES.)

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 A 1D 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

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