

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH**

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATION**

**OF THE**

**LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION**

**OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**2014**

MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
HELD WITH  
CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
BREWTON, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 11, 2014

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1<sup>ST</sup> .....APPLETON.....JANUARY 10, 2015  
2<sup>ND</sup> .....SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....APRIL 11, 2015  
3<sup>RD</sup> .....CANAAN.....JULY 11, 2015

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

CANAAN.....MAY 2, 2015

CTS RALLY

APPLETON.....AUGUST 1, 2015

NEXT ASSOCIATION

RANGE.....OCTOBER 10, 2015

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

APPLETON.....DECEMBER 12, 2014  
CANAAN.....MARCH 27, 2015  
PINE GROVE.....JUNE 26, 2015  
RANGE.....SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

**OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

MODERATOR.....REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT  
793 RANGE CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL. 36475 (251)248-2601

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.....REV. RONALD HALL  
7400-45 JACK SPRINGS RD., ATMORE, AL. 36502 (251)577-6102

CLERK.....JUDY MARION  
1221 TIPPENS EDDY RD., BREWTON, AL. 36426 (251) 510-5428

ASSISTANT CLERK.....CHASE MARION  
1221 TIPPENS EDDY RD., BREWTON, AL. 36426 (251)363-9188

**LIBERTY ON.1 HOME MISSIONS**

CLERK & TREASURER.....IVAN STEWART  
P.O. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL. 36562 (251)937-8689

BOARD MEMBERS.....REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT & REV. W.G. PALMER

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

STAN WARD.....151 BAGGETT STREET, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2015

BARRY FILLMORE.....6490 WALLACE RD., BREWTON, AL. 36426.....2016

RAYMOND WOODS.....3847 SOUTH PALMER RD., URIAH, AL. 36482.....2017

IVAN STEWART.....P.O. BOX 116, PERDIDO, AL. 36562.....2018

GLEN NALL.....1390 BRUSHY CREEK RD., REPTON, AL. 36475.....2019

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

BOBBY BOATWRIGT.....793 CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL. 36475.....2015

CLYDE BRULEY.....2032 J.J. CIRCLE, ATMORE, AL. 36502.....2016

RONALD G. HALL.....7400-45 JACK SPRINGS RD., ATMORE, AL. 36502.....2017

W.G. PALMER.....245 POCKETBOOK RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2018

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR**

STAN WARD.....151 BAGGETT STREET, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2015

**CTS DIRECTOR**

GARY BENEFIELD.....401 WESTSIDE RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2015

**CHILDREN’S HOME REPRESENTATIVE**

KEVIN FILLMORE.....1199 BEASLEY ROAD, BREWTON AL. 36426.....2015

**ORDAINED MINISTERS**

BOBBY BOATWRIGHT.....793 RANGE CEMTARY RD., REPTON, AL. 36475

RONALD HALL.....P.O.BOX 792, ATMORE, AL. 36502

**RETIRED MINISTERS**

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

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

**ORDAINED DEACONS**

RONNIE CAIN.....APPLETON

BARRY FILLMORE.....CANAAN

KEVIN FILLMORE.....CANAAN

GLEN NALL.....RANGE

RODGER PRESLEY.....PINE GROVE

ROSS PRESLEY.....PINE GROVE

IVAN I. STEWART.....PINE GROVE

BARRY STUCKEY.....APPLETON

STAN WARD.....APPLETON

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. DEACON’S REPORT
5. TRUSTEE’S REPORT

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 2014**

LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MET AT CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON OCTOBER 11, 2014 FOR THE 125TH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE MORNING SERVICES BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. IVAN STEWART.

BRO. JOSH BELL GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. RONALD HALL GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, WITH SING A SONG UNTO THE LORD AS THE THEME, 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 CHURCH 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. IVAN STEWART GAVE THE REPORT ON LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS.

BRO. KEVIN FILLMORE GAVE THE CHILDRENS HOME REPORT .

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

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

THE WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, LED BY BRO. IVAN STEWART.

BRO. GRADY PALMER LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$100.00 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY SIS. GAIL GRISSETT.

REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN, BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM ACTS 4:13 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH WHAT THE CHURCH NEEDS AS THE THEME FOR HIS MESSAGE, PRAYER BY SPEAKER.

WE WERE DISMISSED FOR LUNCH, WITH PRAYER AND THE BLESSING WAS SAID OVER THE FOOD BY BRO. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 11, 2014**

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

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY CANAAN.

REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT CALLED THE BUSINESS SESSION BACK TO ORDER.

SIS. JUDY MARION GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

BRO. RAYMOND WOODS GAVE THE REPORT ON THE STANDING OF THE MINISTERS.

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD GAVE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND 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 HOME MISSIONS TO TIM RIGGS
- 2. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS TO TIM RIGG
- 3. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TO JAMIE AND TAMMY LANCASTER

A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS WAS MADE, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE MINISTERS CARD BE READ AND NEW ONES BE GIVEN TO EACH MINISTER. THE CLERK READ CARDS TO BODY.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT ALL OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

THE CLERK GAVE THE MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR AND RECEIVED THE NAMES OF DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE: JANICE HALL

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR:

MODERATOR.....BOBBY BOATWRIGHT  
ASSIST. MODERATOR.....RONALD HALL  
CLERK.....JUDY MARION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE..... GLEN NALL  
ORDAINING COUNCIL.....W. G. PALMER  
HOME MISSION TREASURE.....IVAN STEWART  
HOME MISSION BOARD MEMBER.....W. G. PALMER

THERE BEING NO FUTHER 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.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

APPLETON: RUTHEL PALMER, JUANITA WARD, ANITA STUCKEY  
CANAAN: RACHEAL FILLMORE, GAIL GRISSETT, TAMMY ROBERSON  
PINE GROVE: GWEN STEWART, PATSY PRESLEY, LOUIS PRESLEY  
RANGE: FAYE HAMMACK, GLORIA JOSEPH, JAN NALL  
SEMIRAH SPRINGS: YVONNE HOLLINGER, BUSTER HOLLINGER, ELAINE DOWNEY

## **QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT**

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING: RANGE – JANUARY 11, 2014**

**REV. DANNY WILLIAMS BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM LUKE 24:13-32 WITH MAKE OUR HEARTS A FLAME AS THE THEME OF HIS MESSAGE**

**THE ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY THE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES, WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. ALABAMA STATE MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS**
- 2. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS**
- 3. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO JAMIE & TAMMY LANCASTER.**

**SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING: SEMIRAH SPRINGS – APRIL 12, 2014**

**REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW 28:18 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH ALL POWER AS THE THEME FOR HIS MESSAGE.**

**THE ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY THE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES, WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. ALABAMA STATE MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS**
- 2. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS**
- 3. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO JAMIE & TAMMY LANCASTER.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO BY THE ORDAINING COUNCIL TO ORDAIN BRO. GLEN NALL AS DEACON, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.**

**THIRD MEETING: APPLETON – JULY 12, 2014**

**REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM PSALM 117 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH “GET JUST AS CLOSE TO GOD AS YOU CAN” AS THE THEME FOR HIS MESSAGE.**

**THE ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY THE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES, WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. ALABAMA STATE MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS**
- 2. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO TIM RIGGS**
- 3. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO JAMIE & TAMMY LANCASTER.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY THE ORDAINING COUNCIL TO ORDAIN BRO JOSH BELL AS DEACON, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

THE LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, MET AT APPLETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, CASTLEBERRY, ALABAMA. MAY 3, 2014 FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

THE MORNING SERVICE BEGIN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY SIS. JUDY MARION. BRO. GARY BENEFIELD GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY REV. CLYDE BRULEY FROM PROVERBS 22:6 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED OF \$85.50.

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD PRESIDED OVER THE PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS WERE PRESENTED BY: APPLETON, CANAAN, AND SEMIRAH SPRINGS CHURCH.

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD PRESIDED OVER THE BUSINESS. SIS. JUANITA WARD READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND THEY WERE APPROVED BY THE BODY.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS. APPLETON: JUDY MARION, CHASE MARION, JUANITA WARD, BARRY STUCKEY AND RONNIE CAIN , PINE GROVE: IVAN STEWART, SEMIRAH SPRINGS: RONALD HALL AND BUSTER HOLLINGER.

BRO. STAN WARD WAS RE- ELECTED AS SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE CONGREGATION WAS DISMISSED BY PRAYER AND BLESSING OF THE FOOD.

JUANITA WARD, SEC.



### **CTS RALLY**

THE ANNUAL CTS RALLY WAS HELD AT SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 1, 2014 AT 7:00 PM.

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

REV. RONALD HALL GAVE THE DEVOTION FROM THE THEME AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH TRAIN UP YOUR CHILD FOR HIS MESSAGE.

AN OFFERING OF \$21.05 WAS RECEIVED.

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD PRESIDED OVER THE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS. PROGRAMS WERE GIVEN BY SEMIRAH SPRINGS AND APPLETON.

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

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD RECOGNIZED SEMIRAH SPRINGS FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE.

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. JUANITA WARD WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AS CTS 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.

**MINISTERS' REPORT**

	SERMONS	CHURCHES PASTORED	REVIVALS HELD	PROFESSIONS WITNESSED	BAPTIZED	MEMBERS RECEIVED	FUNERALS	MARRIED	MONEY RECEIVED
BOBBY BOATWRIGHT	94	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	18,550.00
RONALD G. HALL	98	1	0	3	5	0	4	0	15,175.00

**LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**OCTOBER 1, 2014**

<b>BALANCE IN TREASURE.....</b>	<b>\$120,911.13</b>
<b>PLUS: INTEREST THUR 8/31/14.....</b>	<b>21.55</b>
<b>CD INTEREST.....</b>	<b>62.61</b>
<b>10% MONEY 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER.....</b>	<b><u>113.27</u></b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$121,108.56</b>

**INFORMATION**

<b>BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET 10/1/14.....</b>	<b>\$ 36,240.63</b>
<b>BALANCE CD #37414 10/1/14.....</b>	<b>\$ 41,136.07</b>
<b>BALANCE CD #37415 10/1/14.....</b>	<b>\$ 29,913.76</b>
<b>BALANCE CD #36529 10/1/14.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,818.10</u></b>
<b>TOTAL IN BANK 10/1/13.....</b>	<b>\$121,108.56</b>

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

LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 11, 2014

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/12/13 \$5,786.01

DEPOSITS:	1. ASSOCIATION OFFERING 2013	\$ 56.00
	2. 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING	58.00
	3. 2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING	55.76
	4. 3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING	77.25
	5. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	85.50
	6. CTS RALLY	21.05
	7. 10% MONEY	
	APPLETON	4,408.57
	CANAAN	6,169.87
	PINE GROVE	172.21
	RANGE	3,949.28
	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	<u>2,344.64</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS:		\$ 17,398.13

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE===== \$ 23,184.14

EXPENDITURES:	1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	\$ 1,109.60
	2. CHILDREN'S HOME	1,585.14
	3. RETIREMENT	8,876.81
	4. BIBLE COLLEGE	475.53
	5. LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS	475.53
	6. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	1,109.60
	7. ALABAMA HOME MISSIONS	1,109.60
	8. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS	1,109.60
	9. SUPPLIES	805.98
	10. 2013 ASSOCIATION OFFERING	56.00
	11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION FEES	925.00
	12. OFFICERS FEES	225.00
	13. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	0.00
	14. CTS RALLY	0.00

TOTAL PAID OUT \$ 17,863.39

CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/11/14===== \$5,320.75

JUDY MARION, TREASURER

LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL RETIREMENT REPORT  
OCTOBER 11, 2014

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/13/12.....	\$ 11,192.85
DEPOSITS: 10% MONEY	\$8,876.81
EXPENDITURES:	(\$9,600.00)
CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/11/14.....	\$ 10,469.66

INFORMATION ONLY

ASSOCIATION: SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.

QUARTERLY MEETING: SATURDAY BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY, APRIL AND JULY.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COONVENTION: FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY.

CTS RALLY: FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST.

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING: SECOND FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

## ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT 2014

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	4,408.57	6,169.87	171.81	3,949.28	2,344.17		17,043.80
STATE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE						1,109.60	1,109.60
CHILDREN'S HOME		400.00		707.25	165.00	1,585.14	2,857.39
RETIREMENT FUND						8,876.81	8,876.81
BIBLE COLLEGE						475.53	475.53
ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURE						1,193.16	1,193.16
MISSIONS:							
LIBERTY NO.1						475.53	475.53
NATIONAL HOME						1,109.60	1,109.60
ALABAMA HOME	2,400.00					1,109.60	3,509.60
INTERNATIONAL		410.00			90.00	1,109.60	1,609.60
GIDEON'S					160.00		160.00
LOCAL EXPENDITURES							
PASTOR	0	15,600.00	0	18,550.00	13,175.00		47,325.00
GUEST SPEAKER	2,000.00	0	10,800.00	0	1,050.00		13,850.00
EVANGELIST	0	1,000.00	0	0	0		1,000.00
LITERATURE	1,870.82	1,865.40	484.36	896.68	1,160.14		6,277.40
BUILDING & REPAIRS	22,122.80	5,540.86	3,669.84	11,217.23	0		42,550.73
MISCELLANEOUS	13,700.87	26,920.17	850.00	10,372.60	3,913.05		55,756.69
OTHER	1,307.96	3,250.00	0	0	800.00		5,357.96
LOAN PAYMENTS							
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	44,085.56	61,698.76	1,490.14	39,492.77	23,442.78		170,210.01

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2014

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	RANGE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	2	6	0	2	2	12
BAPTISM	0	0	0	0	0	0
LETTER	2	0	0	0	2	4
CONFESSION FAITH	0	6	0	0	0	6
MEMBERS DISMISSED	0	1	1	2	2	6
LETTER	0	0	0	0	2	2
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
*DECEASED	0	1	1	2	0	4
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	40	57	27	57	40	221
ACTIVE	31	43	9	50	28	160
IN ACTIVE	9	14	23	7	12	65
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS						
SUNDAY SCHOOL	23	30	9	20	28	110
CTS	16	0	0	0	8	24
AUXILIARY	0	14	0	0	0	14

### \*1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING:

DWIGHT "COOKIE" GRANT, AGE 69, DIED OCTOBER 24, 2013, MEMBER CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
 MACK TAYLOR CHAFIN, AGE 72, DIED DECEMBER 22, 2013, MEMBER/TRUSTEE PINE GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
 JAMES CALVIN CAIN, AGE 74, DIED NOVEMBER 25, 2013, MEMBER/DEACON RANGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

### \*2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING:

### \*3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING:

### \*4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERLY MEETING:

MARGIE MAYO, MEMBER RANGE FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 EXTENTION 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 NO.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 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 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 \$2,500 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 \$185.00 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 – 10%; BIBLE COLLEGE – 3%; RETIREMENT – 56%; INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS – 7%; NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS – 7%; ALABAMA HOME MISSIONS – 7%; LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS – 3%; AND PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR – 7%; (AMENDED 10/13/84 – ALL 10% MONEY FOR INTERNATIONAL AND HOME MISSIONS SHALL BE DESIGNATED EACH QUARTER TO ALABAMA MISSIONARIES.)(AMENDED 10/13/12)

**SECTION 16:** IN THE TIME OF BEREAVEMENT, CHURCH CLERKS WILL CALL ASSOCIATION CLERK, IN TURN THE ASSOCIATION CLERK WILL CALL ALL MINISTERS. TELEPHONE COST WILL BE PAID OUT OF ASSOCIATION TREASURY.

**SECTION 17: "RETIREMENT"**- (A) TO QUALIFY A MINISTER MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH ASSOCIATION FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS AND BE 65 YEARS OF AGE. (B) IF A MINISTER DIES WHILE ON THE PROGRAM, HIS WIFE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FROM THE PROGRAM AS LONG AS SHE REMAINS UNMARRIED AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE ASSOCIATION. (C) IF A MINISTER DIES BEFORE THE AGE OF 65 THE MINISTER'S WIDOW WOULD BEGIN TO RECEIVE AT THE AGE OF 65 AS LONG AS SHE REMAINS UNMARRIED AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE ASSOCIATION. (D) CLERK HAS PERMISSION TO ISSUE RETIREMENT CHECK, FIRST MONTH AFTER THE 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF MINISTER. (E) 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 DURNING 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 MEETING.
- 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**

### **1. 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 A 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.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
APPLETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 105 FREEWILL LANE CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432	REV. RONALD HALL 7400-45 JACK SPRINGS ROAD ATMORE, AL. 36502 PHONE: 251-577-6102	JUDY MARION 1221 TIPPENS EDDY ROAD BREWTON, AL. 36426 PHONE: 251-510-5428
CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 590 BARNETT CROSSROADS BREWTON, AL. 36426	REV. WAYLON STUCKEY 425 PINE ROAD BREWTON, AL. 36426 PHONE: 251-296-1251	FAYE FILLMORE 6490 WALLACE ROAD BREWTON, AL. 36426 PHONE: 251-236-0502
PINE GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PINE GROVE CHURCH ROAD PERDIDO, AL. 36562		ROSS H. PRESLEY 23251 PINE GROVE CHURCH RD PERDIDO, AL. 36562 PHONE: 251-402-1201
RANGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  REPTON, AL. 36475	REV. BOBBY BOATWRIGHT 793 RANGE CEMTARY ROAD REPTON, AL. 36475 PHONE: 251-248-2601	SALLY CAIN 5971 APPLETON ROAD BREWTON, AL. 36426 PHONE: 251-867-4079
SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  URIAH, AL. 36480	REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN 2414 S JACKSON STREET CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432 PHONE: 251-966-5280	GENETA WOODS 3847 SOUTH PALMER ROAD URIAH, AL. 36480 PHONE: 251-862-2593

# **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 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.**