

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

OF THE

LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

2018

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BREWTON, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 13, 2018

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1STSEMIRAH SPRINGS.....JANUARY 12, 2019
2NDCANAAN.....APRIL 13, 2019
3RDAPPLETON.....JULY 13, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

APPLETON.....MAY 4, 2019

CTS RALLY

APPLETON.....AUGUST 2, 2019

NEXT ASSOCIATION

SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....OCTOBER 12, 2019

MINISTERS' & DEACONS' CONFERENCE

APPLETON.....DECEMBER 28, 2018
CANAAN.....MARCH 29, 2019
SEMIRAH SPRINGS.....JUNE 28, 2019
PINE GROVE.....SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

MODERATOR.....REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

STAN WARD.....151 BAGGETT STREET, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2019

BARRY FILLMORE.....6490 WALLACE RD., BREWTON, AL. 36426.....2020

RAYMOND WOODS.....3847 SOUTH PALMER RD., URIAH, AL. 36482.....2021

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DIRECTOR

STAN WARD.....151 BAGGETT STREET, CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2019

CTS DIRECTOR

GARY BENEFIELD.....401 WESTSIDE RD., CASTLEBERRY, AL. 36432.....2019

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RAYMOND WOODS.....3847 SOUTH PALMER RD., URIAH, AL. 36480
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ORDER OF CONFERENCE

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| 1. INVITE VISITING BRETHREN TO SIT WITH US | 5. TRUSTEE'S REPORT |
| 2. OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW MEMBERS | 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS |
| 3. READING OF MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE | 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS |
| 4. DEACON'S REPORT | 8. MOTION TO ADJOURN |

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 2018

LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MET AT CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON OCTOBER 13, 2018 FOR THE 129TH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE MORNING SERVICES BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY SIS. JUDY MARION.

BRO. HERMAN FOWLER GAVE A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EVERYONE AND LED IN PRAYER.

BRO. DAVID WHITE GAVE THE MORNING DEVOTION, FROM MATTHEW 9:20 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH YOUR FAITH WILL MAKE YOU WHOLE AS HIS THEME.

THE MODERATOR, REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN, CALLED THE BUSINESS SESSION TO ORDER. A SPECIAL WELCOME WAS EXTENDED TO ALL VISTORS 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.

THE MINISTERS WERE ASKED TO TURN IN THEIR CARDS TO THE CLERK .

BRO. STONEY DAW GAVE THE REPORT ON LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS.

BRO. CLIFTON BUCHANAN GAVE THE REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S HOME.

SIS. JUDY MARION GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

BRO. IVAN STEWART GAVE THE REPORT ON THE STANDING OF THE MINISTERS.

BRO. STAN WARD GAVE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD GAVE THE CTS REPORT.

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

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

THE WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, LED BY REV. RONALD HALL.

BRO. STAN WARD LED THE OFFERTORY PRAYER AND AN OFFERING OF \$65.00 WAS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY CANAAN.

REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN, BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM 1THESSALONIANS 5:18 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS TO GOD AS THE THEME FOR HIS MESSAGE, PRAYER BY REV. STONEY DAW.

BRO. STAN WARD SAID THE BLESSING OVER THE FOOD, WE WERE DISMISSED FOR LUNCH.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10, 2018

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

BRO. HERMAN FOWLER LED IN PRAYER.

SPECIAL SINGING WAS PROVIDED BY CANAAN.

REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN CALLED THE BUSINESS SESSION BACK TO ORDER.

ORAL COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN. A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO EAR-MARK THE FOLLOWING:

1. STATE HOME MISSIONS TO ACTS 1:8
2. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS TO ACTS 1:8
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.

THE CLERK GAVE THE MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR AND RECEIVED, THE NAMES OF DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO KEEP THE SAME OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR:

MODERATOR.....	CLIFTON BUCHANAN
ASSIST. MODERATOR.....	RONALD HALL
CLERK.....	JUDY MARION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....	IVAN STEWART
ORDAINING COUNCIL.....	CLIFTON BUCHANAN
HOME MISSION TREASURE.....	IVAN STEWART
HOME MISSION BOARD MEMBER.....	RONALD HALL

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: JUANITA WARD

CANAAN: FRANCES BEASLEY, BETTY FOWLER, TAMMY ROBERSON

PINE GROVE: GWEN STEWART, STONEY DAW

SEMIRAH SPRINGS: YVONNE HOLLINGER, BUSTER HOLLINGER, CINDY BUCHANAN

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING: SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – JANUARY 13, 2018

REV. RONALD HALL BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM DANIEL 3:12 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE. WITH IF WE WOULD ONLY BELIEVE, 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.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO BRING THE MOTION OFF THE TABLE ON RETIREMENT, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED, REV. AFTER DISCUSSION MOTION FAILED.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING: APPLETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – APRIL 7, 2018

REV. DANNY WILLIAMS BROUGHT THE MORNING MESSAGE FROM 1PETER 5:1-4 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE WITH SHEPHERD OF GOD 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 ACTS 1:8
2. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO ACTS 1:8
3. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO JAMIE & TAMMY LANCASTER.

THIRD MEETING: CANAAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH – JULY 7, 2018

REV. RONALD HALL BROUGHT THE MORNING DEVOTION, FROM MATTHEW 24:35, AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE, WITH WATCH FOR THE LORD'S RETURN AT ALL TIMES AND BE READY 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 ACTS 1:8
2. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO ACTS 1:8
3. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BE EAR-MARKED TO JAMIE & TAMMY LANCASTER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, MET AT SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, URIAH, ALABAMA. MAY 5, 2018 FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

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

THE DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY BRO. RONALD HALL FROM 2 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2 VERSE 15 AND VARIOUS SCRIPTURE.

AN OFFERING WAS RECEIVED OF \$36.00.

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

BRO. STAN WARD 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.

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 RALLEY WAS HELD AT SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON AUGUST 3, 2018 AT 7:00 PM.

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

REV. RONALD HALL GAVE THE DEVOTION FROM PROVERBS 4, WITH GROW IN GRACE, SRIRTURAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING AS HIS MESSAGE.

AN OFFERING OF \$22.00 WAS RECEIVED.

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

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

BRO. GARY BENEFIELD RECOGNIZED GENETA WOODS FOR HAVING MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN CTS.

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
RONALD G. HALL	112	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	17,250.00
CLIFTON BUCHANAN	150	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,500.00

LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

OCTOBER 1, 2018

BALANCE IN TREASURE.....	\$121,020.61
PLUS: INTEREST THUR 8/31/18(MONEY MARKET).....	22.11
CD INTEREST.....	202.75
10% MONEY 3 RD QUARTER, 2018.....	90.09
TOTAL.....	\$121,335.55

INFORMATION

BALANCE IN MONEY MARKET 10/1/18.....	\$ 35,131.58
BALANCE CD #38438 10/1/18.....	\$ 41,789.73
BALANCE CD #38439 10/1/18.....	\$ 30,389.07
BALANCE CD #35529 10/1/18.....	\$ 14,025.17
TOTAL	\$121,335.55

IVAN STEWART, CHAIRMAN
 REV. RONALD GORDON HALL, MEMBER
 REV. CLIFTON C. BUCHANAN, MODERATOR

LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 13, 2018

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/7/17 \$3110.74

DEPOSITS:	1. ASSOCIATION OFFERING 2017	\$ 38.00
	2. 1 ST QUARTERLY MEETING	35.00
	3. 2 ND QUARTERLY MEETING	55.00
	4. 3 RD QUARTERLY MEETING	38.95
	5. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION	36.00
	6. CTS RALLY	22.00
	7. 10% MONEY	
	APPLETON	4,209.51
	CANAAN	4,074.00
	PINE GROVE	78.00
	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	<u>2,744.58</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS:		\$ 11,516.08

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE===== \$15,311.40

EXPENDITURES:	1. STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR	\$ 722.99
	2. CHILDREN'S HOME	1,032.87
	3. RETIREMENT	5,784.05
	4. BIBLE COLLEGE	309.86
	5. LIBERTY NO.1 HOME MISSIONS	309.86
	6. NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	723.01
	7. ALABAMA HOME MISSIONS	723.01
	8. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS	723.01
	9. SUPPLIES	483.88
	10. 2017 ASSOCIATION OFFERING	38.00
	11. ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION FEES	740.00
	12. OFFICERS FEES	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$ 11,915.54

CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/13/18===== \$2,526.24

JUDY MARION, TREASURER

LIBERTY NO.1 ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL RETIREMENT REPORT
OCTOBER 13, 2018

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 10/7/17.....	\$ 7,750.85
DEPOSITS: 10% MONEY	\$5,784.05
EXPENDITURES:	(\$7,200.00)
CASH BALANCE AS OF 10/13/18.....	\$ 6,004.90

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 2018

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	10% MONEY	TOTALS
10% MONEYS	4,209.51	4,074.00	78.00	2,744.58		11,106.09
STATE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE					722.99	722.99
CHILDREN'S HOME		1,200.00		60.00	1,032.87	2,292.87
RETIREMENT FUND					5,784.05	5,784.05
BIBLE COLLEGE					309.86	309.86
ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURE					777.43	777.43
MISSIONS:						
LIBERTY NO.1					309.86	309.86
NATIONAL HOME					723.01	723.01
ALABAMA HOME	2,400.00				723.01	3,123.01
INTERNATIONAL					723.01	723.01
OTHER				353.00		353.00
LOCAL EXPENDITURES						
PASTOR	17,250.00	0	0	16,500.00		33,750.00
SUB-SPEAKER	0	8,500.00	11,365.00	0		19,865.00
EVANGELIST	0	0	0	0		0
LITERATURE	1,651.14	345.72	571.29	1,313.33		3,881.48
BUILDING & REPAIRS	13,391.97	1,800.00	3,789.64	0		18,981.61
MISCELLANEOUS	8,309.94	9,026.38	1,341.27	6,382.33		25,059.92
OTHER	985.55		200.00	0		1,185.55
LOAN PAYMENTS						
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	42,098.55	40,751.00	18,344.00	27,443.60		128,637.15

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2018

	APPLETON	CANAAN	PINE GROVE	SEMIRAH SPRINGS	TOTALS
MEMBERS RECEIVED	0	0	0	0	0
BAPTISM	0	0	0	0	0
LETTER	0	0	0	0	0
CONFESSION FAITH	0	0	0	0	0
MEMBERS DISMISSED	0	0	0	2	2
LETTER	0	0	0	2	2
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0
*DECEASED	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	34	52	27	38	151
ACTIVE	30	42	12	26	110
IN ACTIVE	4	10	15	12	41
DEPARTMENT MEMBERS					
SUNDAY SCHOOL	30	30	9	26	95
CTS	18	0	0	12	30
AUXILIARY	0	12	0	0	12

***1ST QUARTERLY MEETING:**

***2ND QUARTERLY MEETING:**

***3RD QUARTERLY MEETING:**

***4TH QUARTERLY MEETING:**

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 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 \$250.00, ASSISTANT CLERK \$25.00 AND MODERATOR \$50.00, (D) DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO PAY \$200.00 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 65TH 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.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1: POLICY ON MARRIAGE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY, LIBERTY NUMBER 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST. ADOPTED JULY 12, 2015:

INTRODUCTION

THIS STATEMENT EXPRESSES THE BELIEFS OF LIBERTY NUMBER 1 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST REGARDING MARRIAGE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY. IT IS BASED ON THE APPLICATION OF BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES TO OUR FAITH, OUR LIFE, AND OUR PRACTICE, AND IS IN INTENTIONAL ACCORD WITH THE TREATISE OF THE FAITH AND PRACTICES OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, ESPECIALLY AS EXPRESSED IN THE APPENDIX TO CHAPTER IV, SECTION 1, ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, OF WHICH THIS ASSOCIATION IS A MEMBER, IN JULY 2008.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT MARRIAGE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

BOTH SCRIPTURE AND NATURE AS DESIGNED BY GOD AFFIRM THE LIFE-LONG, CONVENANTAL UNION OF ONE MAN, BEING MALE AS CREATED BY GOD, AND ONE WOMAN, BEING FEMALE AS CREATED BY GOD, IN A ONE-FLESH RELATIONSHIP. THIS ONE-FLESH RELATIONSHIP IS EMBLEMATIC OF THE UNION OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH. IT IS THE SOLE AND BEAUTIFUL CONTEXT OF THE DIVINE PLAN FOR THE MARITAL RELATIONSHIP OF MAN AND WOMAN AS IMAGEBEARERS OF GOD, AS WELL AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FAMILY AS THE BASIC, DIVINELY ORDAINED UNIT OF HUMAN SOCIETY. VIOLATIONS OF THIS ONE-FLESH UNION, WHEATHER HETEROSEXUAL OR HOMOSEXUAL, PREMARITAL OR EXTRAMARITAL, CONTRAVENE THE DIVINE PLAN FOR THE FAMILY AND FOR THE FAMILY AND FOR THE CONCEPTION AND REARING OF CHILDREN, BRINGING SPIRITUAL DESPAIR, GUILT, AND DEATH TO INDIVIDUALS AND CULTURES.

THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCES LISTED ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE SCRIPTURE TEACHES CONCERNING MARRIAGE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY. GENESIS 1:26-28; 2:18,20-25; EXODUS 20:14; DEUTERONOMY 5:18; MATTHEW 19:4-6; ROMANS 1:18-32; 1CORINTHIANS 7:1-5; EPHESIANS 5:21-33; 1THESSALONIANS 4:3-5; HEBREWS 13:4.

HUMAN SEXUALITY

FIRST CORTNTHIANS 6:9-11 CONDEMNS A VARIETY OF LIFESTYLES INCLUDING THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH ADULTERY, PROSTITUTION, AND HOMOSEXUALITY. INDEED, THE BIBLE CONDEMNS AS SEXUAL IMMORALITY--"FORNICATION" IN THE AUTHORIZED VERSION--ALL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE OUTSIDE MARRIAGE AS DEFINED ABOVE. IT ALSO COMMANDS CHRISTIANS TO FLEE FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY BECAUSE OF ITS DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS AND BECAUSE THE BODY OF THE CHRISTIAN IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (1CORINTHIANS 3:16; 6:12-20).

ROMANS 1:18-32 MAKES CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT ONLY SINFUL TO ENGAGE IN HOMOSEXUAL UNIONS, BUT ALSO TO APPROVE OF SUCH SINS IN OTHERS OR TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PRACTICE. AS A RESULT, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN WITNESS, WE CANNOT SANCTION, APPROVE, OR PROMOTE IN ANY WAY ADULTERY OR ANY OTHER FORM OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY--INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PORNOGRAPHY, PEDOPHILIA, POLYGAMY, BESTIALITY, OR HOMOSEXUAL UNIONS. THIS IS MADE CLEAR IN MANY PASSAGES OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

OUR ASSOCIATION FOLLOWS WHAT THE BIBLE REVEALS AS THE "SURE FOUNDATION" OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES (MATTHEW 7:24-29; 1CORINTHIANS 14:37). IF OUR ASSOCIATION IS TO BEAR THE NAME CHRISTIAN AUTHENTICALLY, WE CALLED TO TEACH AND PRACTICE THESE TEACHINGS AND ARE NOT AT LIBERTY TO DEPART FROM THEM FOR A DIFFERENT AUTHORITY. THOUGH WE STRIVE TO LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL PEOPLE AND TO OBEY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY, IF THE TWO COME INTO CONFLICT ABOUT MATTERS AS FOUNDATIONAL AS MARRIAGE, WE MUST ULTIMATELY OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN (ACTS 4:18-21).

SEXUAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE NAMED ABOVE, ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND THE ASSOCIATION. LEWD CONDUCT; TRANSGENDER BEHAVIOR; AND THE CREATION, DISTRIBUTION, OR VIEWING OF PORNOGRAPHY ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HUMAN SEXUALITY.

A CIVIL GOVERNMENT'S SANCTION OF A UNION WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A LEGITIMATE MARRIAGE BY THIS ASSOCIATION ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE EXPRESSED IN THIS POLICY STATEMENT.

ASSOCIATION PRACTICES DERIVED FROM THIS POLICY

FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR ASSOCIATION

ANY CHURCH REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP IN LIBERTY NUMBER 1 ASSOCIATION MUST BE IN AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATION POLICY ON MARRIAGE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY.

MINISTERS EMPLOYED BY MEMBER CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

MINISTERS EMPLOYED BY MEMBER CHURCHES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL AND/OR LOSS OF ORDINATION FOR VIOLATING THIS STATEMENT OF FAITH ON MARRIAGE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY OR BY OFFICIATING AT A MARRIAGE CEREMONY THAT VIOLATES THE LETTER OR SPIRIT OF THIS POLICY.

USE OF MEMBERS CHURCHES' FACILITIES

IT IS THE ASSOCIATION POLICY THAT THE FACILITIES OF MEMBER CHURCHES MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY CEREMONY THAT IN ANY WAY APPROVES OF, SOLEMNIZES, SUPPORTS, OR ALLOWS A SAME-SEX UNION, A POLYGAMOUS UNION, OR ANY UNION THAT CONSTITUTES CHILD ABUSE. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY MAY RESULT IN THE DISMISSAL OF MEMBER CHURCH BY ASSOCIATION.

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 PERSIDING 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.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

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		RACHEL FILLMORE 1199 BEASLEY ROAD BREWTON, AL. 36426 PHONE: 251-236-0683
PINE GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PINE GROVE CHURCH ROAD PERDIDO, AL. 36562	REV. STONEY DAW 4744 SARDIS CHURCH ROAD ATMORE, AL. 36502 PHONE: 251-538-0715	ROSS H. PRESLEY 23251 PINE GROVE CHURCH RD PERDIDO, AL. 36562 PHONE: 251-402-1201
SEMIRAH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH URIAH, AL. 36480	REV. CLIFTON BUCHANAN P. O. BOX 475 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.

