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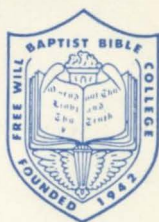
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Of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill-Christian Baptist, held with Mt. Zion Church, Cheatham Co., Tenn., Oct. 25th, 26th, 27th, 1900.

The introductory sermon was delivered by G. V. Frey from 2 Tim., 1. 2, 3,

Permanent officers: G. V. Frey, Mod., and J. E. Hudgens, Assistant; E. F. Miles, Clerk, and J. E. Curtis, Assistant.

Visiting brethren were invited to sit in council with us; W. H. Frost, Freewill Baptist, of Ayden, N. C.; G. W. Hunt, Presbyterian of Pleasant View, Tenn.; and G. R. Miliken, Missionary Baptist, of Pleasant View, Tenn.

Adjourned till 1 P. M., for refreshments.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service by W. J. Presley. The order of business suspended, and committee on Devotional service was appointed by the Moderator as follows, to wit: Bros. Floyed Douglass, J. T. Newman and Charley Cagle.

The business resumed regular order, and letters from the various churches were called, and twenty of the twenty-seven enrolled answered by letter and delegation; five by letter only, and two failed to answer roll call. The letters received and delegates enrolled as will be seen in table of statistics. Petitionary letters called: Received two, one from Indian Mound, and one

from Cross Roads. Both referred to the committee on petitions and requests.

Corresponding letters called for—none received.

A petition received to change the name of Mt. Storm church to Brandon's Chapel. The petition was granted, as will be found in the roll of churches.

Com. on Petitions and requests—G. W. Binkley, S. W. Patterson.

On Obituaries—D. T. Armstrong, J. A. Chadwick, G. W. Isom.

On Literature—J. H. Mayo, R. M. Luter, C. T. Dowell.

On Missionary work—W. M. Rodgers, W. H. Frost, W. A. Brown, W. H. Jackson, W. E. Fambro.

On Temperance—J. M. Nicholson, J. E. Hudgens and J. E. Curtis.

On Sunday Schools—L. B. Shannon, Robert Herald and W. J. Bobit.

On Finance—John Proctor, W. S. Simpson and Ed. Gower.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 26, 1900.

Met according to adjournment. Scripture lesson by the moderator, prayer by W. H. Frost. Minutes of previous meeting read, corrected and adopted. Standing committees were called. Committee on doctrine and church government reported, but for final action was deferred until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The committee rela-

tive to the white house property, made verbal report, in substance was: "we have not disposed of the property." The report was received and the committee continued, composed of C. T. Dowel, W. T. Dowel, W. H. Head, R. R. Gower and H. J. Head.

Special committees called.

Committee on devotional service report as follows: W. M. Rodgers preach at Mt. Zion Thursday night, followed by J. E. Hudgens; M. S. Crow, Friday at 11 a. m., followed by W. A. Brown; W. F. Presley, Friday night, followed by W. H. Frost; G. W. Carney, Saturday at 11 a. m., followed by J. E. Hudgens; W. M. Rodgers preach at Mt. Pleasant church Friday night, followed by S. B. B. Holt; E. F. Miles preach at Mt. Zion Saturday night, followed by J. E. Curtis; W. H. Frost at 11 a. m. Sunday, followed by J. E. Hudgens; M. S. Crow preach at New Hope Saturday night, followed by James Nicholson.

OBITUARIES.—We, your committee on obituaries submit the following report:

We praise God for His goodness and mercies toward us. Death has not broken our ministerial ranks since our last Association, while many of our lay members have been called from labor to reward. We extend to their families and friends our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to a wise and loving Father who is able to comfort them.

COMMITTEE.

LITERATURE.—We, your committee on Literature, beg lief to submit the following report:

1st, That the Bible is the book of all books, and that we urge the systematic study of the Bible by the ministry, officials and laity of the Freewill-Christian Baptist of this Association.

2nd, That we recommend the Dunn Butler system of Theology as our text book on Theology for use by our ministers.

3rd, That we recommend to our ministers the reading of Ecclesiastical history as much as practical.

4th, That we readopt the FREE WILL BAPTIST published at Ayden, N. C., as our leading organ for the Cumberland Association, as the Free WILL BAPTIST published at Ayden, N. C., is the only leading organ of the Free Will Baptist Church or Denomination, which carries everywhere it goes, the Free Will Baptist doctrine, as we can see the Articles of Faith on its first page.

5th, That the Morning Star, Free Baptist and Messenger are papers worthy of our support, all of which we most respectfully submit.

COMMITTEE.

MISSION WORK.—We, your committee on mission work, submit the following report: Seeing the great need of home mission work, and realizing the increasing need of having a home missionary worker in the field, the whole associational year to visit the destitute churches, and to organize new ones wherever he can.

1st, That we recommend the resolution of 1899, with the addition of a missionary board appointed by this Association, say the board be

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composed of 3 or 5 of our active members.

2nd, That this honorable body select some active preacher who can devote as much of his time as possible within the bounds of this Association, and when not practical he may go where he sees fit for the furtherance of the cause of Christ!

3rd, That the home missionary collections be taken every quarter, and forwarded at once to the Treasurer of said board, and he pay out as he may be required.

4th, That we request each pastor to organize home missionary societies both among our children and our women, for it will be through their instrumentality that we shall be able to promptly pay our missionary in the field.

COMMITTEE.

TEMPERANCE.—We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Whereas we regard the use of intoxicants even in moderation unbecoming a Christian, and the liquor traffic the greatest menace to American liberty, and Christian civilization; the destroyer of happiness, the foundation from which misery, want, woe and vice, in all the multiplicity of its forms perpetually flows; Therefore, Resolved, that we individually and as an Association pledge ourselves to use our influence for the suppression and extermination of said liquor traffic, and call on all lovers of morality to join us in an increasing warfare against this fell destroyer of human happiness, and immortal souls, by voting as we pray.

COMMITTEE.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Whereas Sunday Schools are indispensable factors pertaining to the successful training, or the future hope of our church. Therefore be it Resolved.

1st, That our pastors and church officials use every effort to establish and maintain Sunday Schools in all of our churches.

2nd, That as loyal men and women we will see to it that our children attend Sunday School, and further, that we insist that all of our schools use our own literature, and that the schools elect their officers from the church, and that each school be requested to make an annual report of their work to this Association. COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 26, 1900.

Report of committee on doctrine and church government again taken up and considered section by section and adopted save one minor amendment, after which it was moved and carried that the Association elect by a majority vote a committee of five, to superintend the transcribing and having the discipline published. The committee was elected as follows, to wit: G. V. Frey, G. W. Binkley, J. E. Hudgens, E. F. Miles, W. A. Brown. Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M., Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 27, 1900.

Scriptural lesson by G. V. Frey, Prayer by S. A. Myat. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Special committee again called.

Petitions and requests.—We, your committee on petitions and requests, submit the following report:

There has been put into our possession two petitionary letters, one from Cross Roads, Dickson Co., Tenn., and one from Indian Mound, Stewart Co., Tenn. And after reading the letter from Indian Mound, and gathering the information relative to Indian Mound. We recommend that said church be received into this Association. And after reading the letter from Cross Roads, and carefully investigating the matter we find that Cross Roads church is a dissatisfied element from Hickory Grove church, and after taking the statements given to us, and the distance into consideration. We recommend that said petitionary letter be deferred until the meeting of our next Association. And as to Pleasant Valley and Paradise Ridge. We have failed to find where they were ever dropped by an order of the Association, hence we recommend that the names of these two churches again be placed on the roll of churches.

COMMITTEE.

The above report was adopted verbatim. The letter from Cross Roads church was deferred until the next annual Association. The other three were received into the Association.

Com. on Finance.—We, your committee on finance, submit the following report:

For publication of the minutes of the Association \$29.77. For Associational fund \$6.78.
Total collection \$36.55.

COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS' REPORT.

G. W. Binkley—Churches in charge, 1; received into the church, 22; baptized, 13, sermons preached, 65; prayer meetings attended, 50; prayers in homes, 151; visits, 250; funerals attended, 27; marriages solemnized, 11; amount received for service, \$135.35; special gifts, \$43.70.

L. B. Shannon—Sermons preached, 74; conversions, 12; received into the church, 5; baptized, 5; miles traveled, 750; received for service, \$30.

T. B. Hazlewood—Churches in charge, 1; received into the church, 1; sermons and exhortations, 30; miles traveled, 500; received for service, nothing.

M. S. Crow—sermons preached, 94; miles traveled, unknown; conversions witnessed, 33; baptized, 24; marriages solemnized, 6; funerals preached, 6; burial services, 3; churches in charge, 2; received for service, about \$100.

E. F. Miles—Sermons preached, 25; miles traveled, unknown; received into the church, 6; baptized, 4; churches in charge, 1; burial services, 1; marriages solemnized, 1; amount received for services, \$11; collected \$2.75 for mission work.

J. E. Hudgens—Churches in charge, 4; received and baptized, 17; received for services, \$210.

W. M. Rodgers—Sermons preached, 291; conversions, 81; miles traveled, 5236; received for services, \$515.97.

G. V. Frey—Sermons preached, 117, Miles traveled, 1348; Funerals, 6; received for services, \$127.25.

W. F. Hembree—Sermons preached, 20; exhortations delivered, 14, prayer meetings conducted, 12; burial services attended, 2; Sunday schools organized, 2; conversions witnessed, 9; received for services, \$5.75.

S. B. B. Holt—Churches in charge, none; sermons preached, 21; conversions witnessed, 1; baptised, 1; funerals attended, none; marriages solemnized, 4; miles traveled, about 400; received for services, \$2.40.

C. H. Pickle—I am glad to state that I have called to my assistance this year, Evangelist W. H. Frost, with his co worker and gospel singer, Bro. M. C. Holland, who have faithfully joined me in the work in Stewart county. I am glad to state that God saw fit to own and crown our feeble efforts with success. I have had a revival all over my work. Sermons preached unknown; funerals preached, 3; miles traveled unknown, Marriages solemnized, 3; special prayer services unknown; conversions about 300, baptized, 50, received into the church, 100; received for services, \$250 00; built Brandon's Chapel at Bumpus Mills, Tenn; one ready to build at Indian Mound, Tenn., lumber on the ground; two others ready to build at Weaver's Store and No. first, Tenn. God is still blessing the work.

E. M. Free—Sermons preached, 15; prayers, public, 35; funerals, 7; marriages solemnized, 8.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following board of missions was appoint-

ed by the moderator: Ch'm, W. H. Jackson, So-
ble, Tenn., Clerk, J. E. Curtis, Bordeaux, Tenn.,
Treasurer, J. B. Patton, Ashland City, Tenn.,
S. E. Stewart, Half Pone, Tenn., R. M. Luter,
Turnersville, Tenn.

HOME MISSIONARY.

W. M. Rodger was duly elected by a majority
vote for home missionary. Resolutions were
called: J. E. Hudgens, W. A. Brown and S. W.
Patterson were appointed by the moderator to
draught a resolution of fraternal greetings to
the Free Will Baptist of N. C.

1. By W. H. Jackson: Resolved, That this As-
sociation have its present minutes published by
the Free Will Baptist Publishing Co., at Ayden,
N. C. Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service by G. W. Hunt. Resolu-
tions again called.

2. By J. E. Curtis: Resolved, That we con-
tinue to correspond with sister associations.
The following brethren were appointed: W. F.
Presley, James Nicholson and W. A. Brown, to
write and bear letters of fraternal greetings to
the western division of the Stone Association.
That W. M. Rodgers and J. E. Curtis write and
bear letters of fraternal greetings to the General
Baptist of Ind. That G. V. Frey, J. E. Hudgens
and W. H. Jackson write and bear letters of fra-
ternal greetings to the Triennial conference of
General Baptist North.

3. By W. A. Brown: Resolved, That the moderator of this association, appoint four brethren to preach at the next association on such doctrine as he may direct. The following brethren and subjects were appointed:

- 1st. "Being and Attributes of God," G. V. Frey.
2. "Primeval state of man and his fallen state," E. F. Miles.
3. "The atonement, its nature and extent," J. E. Hudgens.
4. "Personality and office of the Holy Ghost," W. M. Rodgers.

4. The Association: Resolved, That we recommend the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden, N. C., as a school worthy of our support.

5. By G. W. Binkley: Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes of this Association, and distributing the same, and that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

Resolutions continued from last year through the present:

By R. M. Luter: Resolved, 1st, That it shall be the duty of any preacher, being called to the pastoral care of any church within the bounds of this Association, to call the stewards of said church to meet at the beginning of the associational year for the purpose of making some necessary arrangements for the support of the pastor of said church, and at the beginning of each subsequent quarter, thereafter, said stewards shall report to the church the amount collected, and by whom said amount had been paid.

2. That these resolutions be published in the

minutes of this Association, and in the minutes of each succeeding Association.

By J. E. Curtis: That the moderator appoint one delegate from each church whose duty it shall be to collect 25 cents from each member for an Associational fund.

Names of Delegates and Churches.

Rock Spring, H. J. Groves; Bethlehem, W. T. Sanders; Good Spring, J. H. Mayo; Oak Lawn, W. H. Nichols; Mount Zion, George Carney; Cofer's Chapel, J. E. Curtis; Mount Pleasant, C. C. Cagle; Shady Grove, J. R. Mayfield; Green Wood, C. T. Dowel; New Hope, J. H. Hunt; Heads, G. T. Ellis; Bethel, T. D. Atkins; Olivet, H. T. Winters; Hickory Grove, J. A. Clifton; Smith's Grove, J. H. Bryant; Maple Valley, N. S. Reeves; Antioch, J. W. Murphy; Pleasant Hill, J. W. Lewis; Brandon's Chapel, E. E. Cherry; Hopewell, J. T. Davidson; Oak Land, J. C. Carter.

6. Committee on resolutions cheerfully submit the following report:

We, the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ, of the Cumberland Association of Tenn., send fraternal greetings to the Free Will Baptist of N. C., by the hand of our beloved brother, G. W. Binkley:

Brethren, we have learned much of you through W. H. Frost, and desiring a better acquaintance with you, we deem this method most expedient. We are glad to report some degree of success in this Associational year. And as, in union there

is strength, we sincerely hope that in the near future we may be able to join forces for God's glory, and the Christianization of the world.

Brethren, we rejoice in your prosperity, and bid you God-speed in your educational work, and all church enterprises. This done by order of the Association, Oct. 27, 1900.

COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friend in the vicinity of Mt. Zion church, for their unbounded hospitality to this body during its present sitting. J. E. Hudgens was elected to preach the introductory sermon, with W. A. Brown as alternate.

Adjourned to meet at Brandon's Chapel, Stewart Co., Tenn, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in Oct, 1901, at 10, A. M.

G. V. FREY, Moderator.

E. F. MILES, Clerk.

Minutes of the Annual Presbytery.

The Presbytery convened Oct. 27, 1900. Organized by electing E. F. Miles, Moderator and J. E. Curtis, Clerk. There being no standing committee, new business was called. A petition received from Maple Valley requesting the ordination of a deacon. The petition was referred back under Article 10 of Government and Constitution.

Committee on ordination reported nothing before it.

Committee on character reports. J. A. Chad-

wick as being guilty of falsehood. The report received and committee discharged.

A committee of three was appointed to notify the brother of the charge, and investigate the same, and report at the next annual presbytery. The following brethren were appointed: W. F. Presley, C. C. Cagle and J. T. Newman.

Adjournment to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

E. F. MILES, Moderator.

J. E. CURTIS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES, (All in Tennessee)	Ch. Prop.	Rec. by Ex	By letter	By Recom.	Restored.	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead.	No. Mem.	For Minutes.	Day of M.
Rock Spring.....	Sobel.....	\$1,000	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	4187	\$2 00	4
Heads.....	Turnersville.....	\$700	.....	1	.....	.....	3	7	4228	3 15	.....	3
Bethlehem.....	Asland City.....	\$800	5	.....	1	.....	1	.....	2194	2 10	.....	1
Good Spring.....	Pinnacle.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	74	.....	.....	3
Oakland.....	Morney.....	\$ 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 17	.....	.....	3
Charity.....	Narrowbone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	1
Oak Lawn.....	Pleasant View.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1115	1 00	.....	4
Mt. Zion.....	Hofasville.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1112	1 25	.....	4
Coler's Chapel.....	Nashville.....	\$1,500	13	1	8	.....	9	17	4227	.....	.....	4
Hickory Grove.....	Dickson.....	\$200	1	2	.....	.....	.....	23	3 47	75	.....	14
Brandon's Chapel.....	Bumpus Mills.....	\$1,200	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1 80	.....	.....	2
Bethel.....	Halfpore.....	\$1,000	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2100	2 00	.....	1
Mount Pleasant.....	Morney.....	\$600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	85	.....	2
Shady Grove.....	Betsystown.....	.....	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....	37	50	.....	1
Hopewell.....	Fredonia.....	\$600	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	66	1 00	.....	2
Pleasant Hill.....	Bumpus Mills.....	\$800	20	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	1 80	1 85	.....	2
Green Wood.....	Cross Plains.....	\$1,000	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	1 00	.....	3
New Hope.....	Swabb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 56	.....	.....	1
Beautiful Home.....	Pleasant View.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	2
Smith's Grove.....	Ardee.....	.....	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	23	50	.....	4
Maple Valley.....	Heath.....	.....	6	.....	1	2	.....	.....	59	85	.....	3
Stony Point.....	Batson's Store.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	4
Mount Liberty.....	Stewart Station.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	75	.....	2
Antioch.....	Vanleer.....	\$500	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1 20	.....	2
Wa'nut Grove.....	Stewart Station.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	2
Herican Chapel.....	McEwin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	15	.....	3
Olivet.....	Port Royal.....	\$800	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	28	1 00	.....	1
Indian Mound.....	Indian Mound.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	.....	.....	14	.....	8	.....	1	.....	40	1 06	.....	3
Paradise Ridge.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	32	.....	.....	2

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Rock Spring—J. M. Sutton, B. H. Hagwood, C. J. Hagwood, S. W. Patterson, H. J. Jackson, E. W. Patterson.

Heads—R. M. Luter, H. J. Gower, J. M. Gower, C. R. Farmer.

Bethlehem—A. H. Hudgens, W. H. Brinkley, Sam Brinkley, J. R. Mason, L. E. Walker.

Good Spring—J. D. Hicks, J. H. Proctor, J. H. Mayo, A. S. F. Douglas, A. J. Davis.

Oakland—Josephine Dickerson, Liddie Carney, A. T. Carney.

Charity—Represented by letter.

Oak Lawn—E. C. Watts, W B Hunter, W H Nichols.

Mt. Zion—J H Read, T C Binkley, A Redicker, G T Harris, W T Krantz.

Cofer's Chapel—D T Armstong, Wm Rice, T. F. Williams, G W Isham, John A Copeland.

Hickory Grove—J K Clifton, J E Clifton, J W Clifton, J F Murrell.

Brandon's Chapel—M S Morgan, Hattie Morgan, M S Stewart.

Bethel—W. E. Frambrough, W. I. Barton, W. J. Bobit, Robt. Hearrell, Jas. Major.

Mt. Pleasant—B. P. Bracy, C. C. Cagle, L. P. Abernathy.

Shady Grove—J. D. Monroe, W. S. Simpson, W. H. L. Stack.

Hopewell—J. M. Bright, J. T. Morgan, J. T. Davidson.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, J. W. Lewis, Geo. Heyer.

Green Wood—Jno. Shannon, Jessie Bradley, Joe Pickle, W. T. Dowell.

New Hope—H. C. Adcock, E. C. Milleken, W. W. Sterry, S. S. Mayo.

Smith's Grove—J. V. Smith, J. H. Bryant.

Maple Valley—Turner Mayfield, A. B. Travis, C. F. Wells.

Stony Point—No intelligence.

Mt. Liberty—By Letter.

Antioch—Layton Taylor, W. M. Story, J. W. Dean.

Walnut Grove—No intelligedce.

Herican Chapel—A. J. Burges.

Olivet—J. R. Gower, H. D. Elliot.

Indian Mound—Lillie Green.

Pleasant Valley—W. F. Hembree, David Hall.

Government and Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates, and, and one additional delegate for every additional fifty members or fraction thereof, and such delegates producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter recommendation, restoration. Also number dismissed by letter, excluded and died since last Association and the total number enrolled.

3. This Association shall possess no power to infringe on the inherent rights of churches.

4. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper code of rules, which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

5. They may elect a moderator, secretary, and Treasurer, from among themselves, and they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. New churches may be received into the union, who shall petition by letter or delegate, if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking according to gospel order.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall be in order, and shall come under the consideration of the Association except withdrawn by consent.

8. This Association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the amount of money sent by each church; and in order to enable the Association to print their minutes, it is expected that each church

will send up such sums of money as they think proper, and when received it shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel, and deacons who shall come with recommendation from their churches, and to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct. There shall be an annual presbytery, which shall convene at the close of the Association, at the same time and place. Said presbytery shall consist of all ordained members present, and they shall elect a moderator and clerk from among themselves, for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said presbytery to examine all applicants for ordination, sent up with recommendations from their churches composing this association; if found competent, shall ordain and set them apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, and on proper testimony their decision shall be valid.

10. It shall be the duty of each minister, who shall organize a church, to ordain deacons for the same. It shall be his duty also to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11. No member shall be ordained until he can fill the requirements of Paul's 1, letter to Timothy, 3rd chapter, and this shall be tested by the presbytery. Said presbytery shall have full power to propound scriptural questions, as they shall see proper, and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

12. This Association may exclude from its

body any church that walks disorderly or teaches heresy.

13. All questions coming before this association shall be determined by a majority except excluding churches, which shall receive the concurrence of two thirds.

14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of this association shall be read before them and revised and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and attested by the clerk.

16. This association may adjourn, at any time and place it may think proper, so as to confine it among the churches composing the same.

17. Amendments may be made in this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing this association voting in behalf of the amendment.

18. When this association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the Cumberland Association of Free-will Baptist to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegated by the church.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament are the words of divine inspiration given to Abraham's children, and that the New Testament contains the only proper rules for the faith of the Christian churches.

ART. 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without a Divine Mediator.

ART. 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures, suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made a full atonement for every human being; and by His obedient life, satisfactory death and triumphant resurrection and glorious ascension, ever advocating at his Father's throne, hath brought in an everlasting salvation for every sinner that will repent, believe, and obey his word.

ART. 5. We believe that the faithful Christian will never fall from Grace, notwithstanding we believe in the free moral agency of man after justification, and that there is a possible danger of falling into sin and being finally lost.

ART. 6. We believe, according to the Scriptures—Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 6th chapter, 1st to 7th verses—that after a man has been made partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible ever to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again unto the favor of God.

ART. 7. We believe Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet, are all ordinances ordained and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects and the proper mode of baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of believers to attend to these ordinances.

ART. 8. We believe in the general judgment and the joys of the righteous, and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 9. We believe, according to the Scriptures—1st Corinthians, 10th chapter, 16th verse—that each individual, having been induced into the Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost, and having faith to exercise the free dictations of his own conscience, is in communion with saints.

ART. 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, in a passive state, and thereby adopting them heirs of His kingdom.

Rules of Decorum.

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person shall speak at a time. All addresses made by the members, shall be made to the Moderator, and the person addressing shall rise to his feet.

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by any one except the Moderator, except he violates order. The person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate, nor cast any personal reflections toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject, without leave of a majority of the Association.

No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother," or "brethren" in all debates.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as necessary, providing a call be made by a member of the Association.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Moderator.

Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly, violate any of these rules, shall be reported by the Moderator, and be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in council, this Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum, though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FRIDAY. 1. Reading letters from various churches.

2. Calling for petitionary letters.

3. Calling for corresponding letters from sister Churches.

4. Appointment of committees.

5. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY.

1. Calling the roll.

2. Reading the minutes of previous meeting.

3. Hearing reports of standing committees.

4. Hearing reports of special committees.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

We, the Presbytery of the Baptist Church of Christ at—Tenn. To the Cumberland Christian Baptist Church with—chosen our moderators and sta—tistics—by—tor—ed

— Value of church property, — Our day
of meeting is — Our present pastor is —
This done by order of the church on the — day
of —, Moderator.
—, Clerk.

Post Office Address of Ministers.

J. E. Hudgens.....	Sycamore,
G. R. Head.....	Turnerville,
G. W. Binkley, 1508 Florence St.....	Nashville,
Thomas Hazlewood.....	Jordonia,
W. D. Haliburton.....	Daniel,
C. H. Pickle.....	Bumpus Mills,
W. M. Rodgers.....	Office C. Nashville,
J. Blake.....	Cumberland City,
J. E. Curtis.....	Bordeaux,
E. F. Miles.....	Hamble,
W. A. Brown.....	Station C. Nashville,
G. V. Frey.....	Halfpone,
J. W. Ayers.....	Pleasant View,
G. W. Hunt.....	Turnerville,
J. W. Carter, 1702 Polk St.....	Nashville,
G. W. Carney.....	Marrowbone,
W. F. Presley.....	Station 2, Nashville,
G. A. Davis.....	Bumpus Mills,
J. W. Gardner.....	Morney,
A. D. Duncan.....	Station 2, Nashville,
James Nicholson.....	Jordonia,
M. S. Crow.....	Dule,
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