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Horner, J. N.	Dickson, ,,
Hudgens, J. E.	R. 1. Ashland City ,,
Miles, E. T.	Pardue, ,,
Myatt, S. A.	Dickson ,,
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Gower, Joe	R. 3 Cedar Hill ,,
Hagewood, W. T.	Hamble ,,
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Order of Business

WEDNESDAY.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Election of officers.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reading letters from various Churches.
6. Calling for petitionary letters.
7. Calling for corresponding letters from Associations of Churches.
8. Adjournment.

THURSDAY.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
4. Hearing reports from Standing Committees.
5. Hearing reports from Special Committees.
6. Hearing resolutions.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
4. Hearing resolutions.
5. Miscellaneous business.

Sixty-Ninth Annual Meeting

The Annual Association of Freewill Christian Baptist met in its 69th session with Mt. Zion Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., October 2, 3, 4, 1912.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, being absent, Rev. D. T. Armstrong took the chair and called the Association to order at 10:00 o'clock a. m., Wednesday.

Revs. J. L. Welch and D. T. Armstrong were put in nomination, Rev. J. L. Welch was elected and took the chair and proceeded to business. On motion Mrs. H. P. Smith was elected by acclamation as Clerk of this Association. The regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letters were called for. One was received and after being read it was referred to the Committee on petitions and requests which consist-

ed by H. V. Abernathy, W. W. Davis and G. W. Boyd.

Letters from sister Associations were called for and one received and read from Stone Association. Regular business suspended long enough to appoint the following on a devotional committee, viz: Revs. E. S. Pruitt, J. R. Elliott and A. D. Duncan.

On motion the Association adjourned agreeing to meet each morning at 9:00 o'clock and each afternoon at 1:30.

We were royally entertained by Rev. J. L. Welch at 11:00 o'clock. Lesson Phil. 3; 7-15. Text: Last clause of Phil. 3: 12—"but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended Jesus Christ."

After devotional exercises the Association was called to order by the Moderator, the following Committees were appointed:

Sunday-School—Geo. Davis, R. M. Luter, J. E. Smith.

Literature—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, J. H. Cliver, J. T. Newman.

Education—G. W. Fambrough, W. G. Sullivan, Sister J. A. Claxton.

Obituaries—J. A. Claxton, B. Murrell, E. T. Miles,

Finance—A. D. Duncan, Sisters C. A. Moery and Laura Settle.

Temperance—H. V. Abernathy, Revs. E. S. Pruitt, J. E. Hudgens.

Missions—R. R. Gower, Revs. C. H. Pickle, G. M. Pruitt.

State of Church—H. E. Murphy, Ed Gower, Joe Gower.

The reading of letters was taken up and came to the letter from Mt. Pleasant a motion prevailed that Bro. F. M. Simpkins' name be erased and the letter accepted because he is not a licensed or ordained Minister.

When the reading of letter from Oakland was taken up the authority of the letter was questioned and on motion a Committee was appointed to investigate,

The following were appointed on Committee viz: R. M. Luter, Geo. Harris, G. W. Fambrough,

On motion we adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 9:00,

THURSDAY MORNING

After devotional exercises on motion the report of Committee on petitions and requests was received but Committee was not discharged until other work was done. The report of the Committee consisted of receiving Richland Chapel Church of Nashville into our Association.

On motion the Delegates from Richland Chapel were seated and invited to council with us.

Order of business was suspended and hearing of resolutions deferred until later.

On motion the report of Clerk was received and she was paid \$6.00 over cost of Minutes.

On motion we adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After devotional exercises the following Committee reports were received and accepted; Sunday-School, Obituaries, Temperance, Missions, State of Church, Literature and Education.

A report of the Ladies Aid of Cofer's Chapel was received and on motion it was ordered put in the Minutes.

The Special Committee on Oakland Church handed in the following report that we receive the delegates of this Church and Minute money and they receive their portion of the Minutes.

On motion the Treasurer's report was received and accepted.

The following resolutions were received and on motion accepted. Tendering thanks for generous hospitality, the Clerk printing Minutes etc.

FRIDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises the report on Finance handed in their report which was received and accepted.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following on Ordaining Council viz: Revs. J. E. Hudgens, D. T. Armstrong, A. D. Duncan and Deacons G. W. Fambrough, R. R. Gower.

On motion we adjourned to meet at 1:00 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After devotional exercises a motion prevailed that this Association establish a school for our Ministers to be held annually at a church selected by President of said school; churches are to solicit the President for privilege of entertaining the school. Rev. J. L. Welch was elected President of school.

On motion Rev. E. S. Pruitt was elected Home Missionary by acclamation.

On motion Mrs. H. P. Smith and Mrs. C. A. Moery finish getting up the funds to buy a tent for this Association to be used by Home Missionary.

On motion the election of our next setting of Association was taken up. Shady Grove, Montgomery County, Tenn. was elected and declared to be the next place of meeting.

On motion D. T. Armstrong was appointed to preach the introductory sermon 1913 with W. W. Davis alternate.

On motion the following Delegates were elected to meet with Stone Association 1912 viz: H. V. Abernathy, G. W. Fambrough, E. S. Pruitt.

On motion J. L. Welch was elected Associate Editor of Freewill Baptist Messenger. The following were appointed as agents for the Freewill Baptist Messenger viz: F. M. Simpkins, G. W. Fambrough, E. S. Pruitt, D. T. Brent, Wm. W. Clinnard, G. T. Harris, Joe Felts, Charley Dowell, W. T. Hagewood, J. H. Oliver, Dr. W. E. Felts. Sisters C. A. Moery, Jane Majors, Flossie Smith and Sarah Hogan.

On motion we adjourned to meet with Shady Grove Church, Montgomery County, Tenn. on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1913.

The following Resolutions were passed:

Minister's School.

Resolved, That we institute a Ministerial School for the better training of our Ministers which shall convene for its first session with Bethlehem Church, Cheatham County, Tenn. on call of Bro. J. L. Welch for a weeks session, said Church agreeing to furnish free entertainment for the Ministers attending said session.

Also that we accept with thanks the generous proposition of Heads, Bethel and Oak Lawn Churches for similiar free entertainment for three succeeding sessions which shall be announced later and at the discretion of the session.

Thanks,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tender to the brethren and friends for their generous hospitality to us during the sitting of this Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes of this session and she be paid \$10.00 for her services.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Bro. Gentry for his excellent service in singing.

Report of Committees.

Temperance.

We submit the following: That it is sense of this Association. That the immoderate use of intoxicants is deleterious to the best interest of the individual, the Church and the State and we hereby register our protest against the manufacture, sale or use of anything that will intoxicate, and, we urge our members to use their influence and cast their ballots only for men who openly advocate the retention and enforcement of the temperance laws now on our Statute books.

We also recommend that our membership refuse to patronize any individual, or firm who is in any way interested in the liquor business,

H. V. Abernathy.

E. S. Pruitt.

J. E. Hudgens.

Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

That whereas it pleased God in His wise Providence not to remove any of our Ministerial rank by the icy hand of Death and a very few of our lay members. We therefore, cordially extend to their families and friends our heartfelt sympathies and further commend them to Him who ruleth all things well and after the council of His own will, realizing that our loss is their gain.

E. F. Miles.

B. Murrell.

J. A. Claxton.

Missions.

We, your committee recommend that we continue our Missionary in the home field and that we elect a home Missionary for this work and that the pastors of each Church have a Home Mission Board in their Church to take collections for our home Missionary.

We further recommend that we indorse Foreign Missions and that we send whatever amount we think is our duty, for the foreign cause.

R. R. Gower.

G. M. Pruitt.

C. H. Pickle.

Education.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

In this progressive age of advancement, we feel it our duty as an Association of Freewill Baptist to rank with other Denominations in the advancement of Education, therefore we deem it advisable for this body to take some action in this great work.

We earnestly request that the candidates for Gospel Ministry make every effort to obtain an English Education. We furthermore request that this Association assist all worthy boys and girls, men and women in all efforts along this line.

We recommend that we become united with sister Associations in the advancement of Education.

We further recommend that the Moderator of this Association appoint a Committee of five to confer with sister Associations in regard to the erection of a school for the Freewill Baptist Denomination in order to give our boys and girls, men and women a chance to advance the cause of Christ and our Denomination.

We further state that it shall be the duty of this Committee to correspond and confer with sister Associations and then report said correspondents to Clerk of the Association in order to get a school move started.

We further recommend that the Moderator appoint the old Committee and urge them to push the cause to extent of their ability.

G. W. Pambrongh.

W. G. Sullivan.

Sister J. A. Claxton.

Investigating Committee.

We, your Committee appointed to investigate the legal Status according to our Constitution of the dispute over the Pastor of Oakland Church after hearing the evidence in the case, respectively submit and recommend that the 1st Conference held and in which business was transacted is legal and all others void.

It is in accord with our Constitution for each church to meet in annual Conference once each year and elect Delegates to the Association and to elect their Pastor, and before another Pastor can be elected,

the former must resign or be dismissed by the church for conduct unbecoming a Minister of the Gospel.

We find that the Church did meet on Sunday evening before 1st. Sunday in Sept. with Bro. Claxton Moderator, and G. W. Boyle, Clerk and elected Bro. Geo. Pruitt as their Pastor for the year 1912-13 and that later the Church was called into Conference with Bro. Claxton, Moderator and Clerk, and repudiated the action of the Church, in its former Conference and elected Bro. Claxton as Pastor.

We furthermore recommend that the 1st. Conference be held as legal.

G. W. Pambrongh.

G. P. Harris.

R. M. Luter gave a minority report which was not accepted.

Sunday School.

We, your Committee on Sunday School Work, would most respectfully submit the following report: Believing as we do and as is often said that the Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, where the children of early life are taught and their young minds and hearts impressed with wholesome Scriptural lessons tending to lead them to the thought that they are immortal beings, and that such impressions in Sunday School often brings abundant fruit in the early life, and further, statistics show that a very small percentage of persons who are brought up in Sunday School with due care are ever arraigned before the courts of the State on criminal charges, or are incarcerated in prison for crime, we would recommend that every church in the Cumberland Association make a great effort to organize Sunday Schools and that the parents not only send but go to Sunday School themselves and show that the Sunday School is not merely a place of recreation, but that it is a place where they are to learn lessons for time and eternity, and God will bless the parents, the children, and the church.

G. T. Harris.

J. E. Smith.

R. M. Luter.

Literature.

We submit the following report: That we use as a basis for exam-

ination for ordination the Dunn-Butler system of Theology, and recommend its study to all our Ministers and prospective candidates for ordination.

We also recommend the Christian Church and its Institutions by Dr. A. D. Williams as a fair, forceful and biblical statement of Baptist doctrine.

We further recommend the use of Freewill Baptist literature in all our Sunday-Schools where the congregations are not so mixed that it is impracticable.

We insist that each family have a copy of the Freewill Baptist Messenger come to them and that each individual use their influence to increase its circulation.

J. E. Hindgens.

J. T. Newman.

J. H. Oliver.

Petitions and Requests.

We, your committee on petitions and requests, submit the following reports: We report favorably on petition of Richland Chapel Church in West Nashville, Tenn., that this Association receive the petition and the delegates be invited to sit in council with us.

We recommend that the petition from Charity Church, Cheatham Co. Tenn. to change the name of their church to Marrowbone Chapel Church, be accepted and their delegates be invited to sit in council with us.

We recommend that the petition for Ordination of Bro. Sam Patterson be rejected, as he has not been preaching in our Association 12 months.

We recommend that the petition for Dunbar Chapel Church Stewart Co. Tenn. for admission into this Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists be accepted and the delegates be invited to sit in council with us.

H. V. Abernathy.

W. W. Davis.

G. W. Boyte.

Miscellaneous Reports.

Ladies' Aid.

The Ladies Aid Society of Cofers' Chapel was organized Dec. 17-1907. Since that time their annual report has been as follows: Paid out 1908 for repairing church and other things \$93.25, 1909-\$153.10, 1910-\$3.00, 1911-\$167.90, 1912-\$68.25.

Balance in Treasury \$17.21.

Mrs. Nancey Parker, Pres.

Mrs. Sallie Hood, Treas.

Clerk's Report.

Received from finance committee \$40.76. Paid out for printing 1200 Minutes. \$17.50, express and dravage, 2.75, postage on Minutes, 12.51 Clerk's salary, 10.00, printing church letters, 1.00, Minister's cards of recommendation, 1.00, Minister's reports, 1.00. Postage on above, 1.00. Total \$46.76. Leaving the Association owing Clerk, \$6.00.

Mrs H P. Smith, Clerk.

Finance.

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Antioch-.50, Bethel-\$3.00, Bethlehem-2.00, Brandon's Chapel-1.00, Cofers' Chapel-3.00, Craigfield-1.91, Cross Roads-.70, Greenwood-1.00, Heads-2.10, Hickory Grove-.65, Hopewell-.75, Hurricane Chapel-1.00, Indian Mound-1.00, Miller's Chapel-1.00, Mt. Hermon-1.50, Mt. Pleasant-2.00, Mt. Zion-2.00, New Hope-1.00, Oak Grove-1.60, Oakland-1.00, Oaklawn-1.60, Oakwood-1.25, Olivet-1.00, Rock Spring-3.25, Scott's Chapel-1.00, Shady Grove-.65, Smith's Grove-.50, Spring Hill-1.00, Stony Point-1.00, Marrowbone-1.00, Richland Chapel-1.00.

Total—\$41.56.

A. D. Duncan.

Emma Mocry.

Laura Settle.

State of Church.

We submit the following; That the churches in general are in a

healthily condition and we are pleased to note a net gain in membership of about 5 per cent.

We also find a small, though material increase in the salaries paid pastors and recommend that the churches support their pastors and thereby increase their efficiency.

We find only a few churches reported without pastors and recommend that the Home Missionary endeavor to supply them with efficient pastors.

We are pleased to report a net increase in the property values of our churches amounting to something over \$2500.

H. B. Murphy.

Ed Gower.

Joe Gower.

Treasurer's Report.

On hand from last report \$26.63. Paid Mrs. H. P. Smith for printing letters and reports, \$6.00. Balance due \$20.63.

G. W. Fambrough, Treas.

Report of Home Missionary.

C. H. Pickle.

Sermons preached, about 500; miles traveled, about 5000; conversions witnessed 35. My preaching has been principally at "Brokendown" churches which had no pastors. I have done a good deal of repair work on the houses and have the churches in a great deal better condition. I aim to continue to labor with those churches and I earnestly ask the prayers of God's people that I may be successful in building them up.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in my work. I have received for services about \$100.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises failed to hand in a written report, therefore we can not put it in the Minutes.

LETTER FROM STONE ASSOCIATION

We the Freewill Christian Baptist of the Stone Association send greetings to the Brethren and Sisters of the Cumberland Association. We send our beloved Brothers, G. D. McReynolds and E. W. Stone, to represent our Stone Association at the Cumberland Association when convened with Mt. Zion church Cheatham county, Tenn. on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1912. The Stone Association meets with Allen's Chapel P. C. Tenn. on Thursday before third Sunday in Oct. 1912

We hereby extend a cordial invitation to one and all of the Cumberland Association to meet with us.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—We have launched a paper by the name of "Freewill Baptist Messenger." We are getting along nicely with Bro. & Sis. H. P. Smith of Cumberland Association as Publishers. This is a Freewill Baptist paper and we solicit the co-operation of all Freewill Baptist and those in sympathy with us.

Our Association met with Bear Cove church White County in 1911 and our statistics are as follows: Was represented by 23 churches, 20 ministers. Total membership represented about 3,000. Two churches re-enstated. Value of church property about \$9,000. Printing Establishing \$1,500. Any information desired may be had by corresponding with J. W. Stone, Mod. Bloomington Springs, Tenn. or G. D. McRdynolds, Cookeville Tenn. R. R. 9

MINISTER'S REPORTS

A. D. Duncan

I have 4 churches in charge;—Indian Mound; received into church 6; baptised 6; received for services \$23.00. Danbar Chapple; received into church 19; baptised 13; received for services \$15.00; Scotts Chapple; received into church 4; baptised 4; received for services \$35.00. Olivet; received for services \$85.40 received from other sources \$92.30; sermons preached 203; miles traveled 2,500; condition of work is very good. I have organized one church, Danbars Chapel: prospects good for a good church

A. D. Duncan, Woodford, Tenn. R. R. 1.

J. H. OLIVER

Sermons preached 30; marriages solemnized 3; funerals conducted 3. As I have no churches in charge my work has been principally in assisting other Brothren and I have had one regular appointment at a school house.

J. H. Oliver Indian Mound, Tenn.

J. A. CLAXTON

I have 4 in charge; Greenwood: r'c'd into church 4; baptized 5; r'c'd for services \$126.75; Oakwood; r'c'd into church 35; baptized 31; r'c'd for services \$129.50; Hopewell; r'c'd for services \$40.75; Oakland; r'c'd into church 5; baptized 4; r'c'd for services \$15.45; r'c'd from other sources \$35.00; sermons preached 109; funerals conducted 6; prayer meetings conducted 8; homes visited 82; prayers in homes 27; condition of work, good. preached at Miller's Chapel one week r'c'd \$18.00 Antioch 5 days r'c'd \$6.00 Gower 1 week r'c'd \$16.00.

J. A. Claxton R. R. 5 Cedar Hill, Tenn.

W. W. DAVIS

I have 1 church in charge; Shady Grove: r'c'd into church 6; baptized 5; r'c'd for services 30.00; r'c'd from other sources \$30.00; sermons preached 65; miles traveled 3,000; marriages solemnized 4; funerals conducted 5; prayer meetings conducted 10; homes visited 500; prayers in homes 65; condition of work, good.

W. W. Davis. R. R. 2. Ashland City, Tenn.

JOE GOWER

I have 2 school house appointments: Chestnut Grove; \$5.55; Shady Springs: \$5.65; r'c'd from other sources \$12.00; sermons preached 25; prayer meetings conducted 4; homes visited 67; condition of work, good. I have organized a Bible class at Shady Springs which we hope to continue all winter.

Joe Gower R. R. 3 Cedar Hill, Tenn.

L. B. H. GREEN

I have 1 church in charge; Spring Hill; r'c'd into church 7; r'c'd for services \$15.00; sermons preached 75; miles traveled 240; prayer meetings conducted 10; homes visited 30; prayers in homes 20; condition of work, good. conversions witnessed 23. The Lord has blessed my labors, I hope to have more work next year.

L. B. H. Green R. R. 2 Joelton Tenn.

D. T. Armstrong

I have 4 churches in charge; Rock Spring; r'c'd into church 6 baptized 9; r'c'd for services \$101.60; Bethel; r'c'd into church 6; baptized 2; r'c'd for services \$120.00; Heads; r'c'd into church 6; baptized 6; r'c'd for services \$107.00; Oaklawn; r'c'd into church 4 baptized 2; r'c'd for services \$79.15; funerals 6; condition of work, good. D. T. Armstrong, Thomasville, Tenn. R. R. 1

E. S. PRUITT

I am doing Evangelistic work. Sermons preached 320; miles traveled 6267. funerals conducted 1; received for services \$682.80. Took into church 205; baptised 80; conversions 725. Havs had a good years work. This is my report from April 1st.

E. S. Pruitt, Evangelist. 21 Keith st. Nashville, Tenn.

REV. J. L. WELCH

I have 1 church in charge: Cofer's Chapel: r'c'd into church 15; baptized 10; r'c'd for service \$176.20; r'c'd from other sources \$52.86; sermons preached 101; miles traveled 180; marriages solemnized 10; funerals conducted 8; prayer meetings conducted 33: Rev. J. L. Welch, 527 Joseph Ave. Nashville, Tenn.

G. M. PRUITT

I have 1 church in charge, Hurricane Chapel: r'c'd for services \$20.00; sermons preached 51; miles traveled 173; funerals conducted 1; homes visited 300; prayers in homes 10; conversions witnessed: 24; G. M. Pruitt. R. R. 6. North Nashville, Tenn.

W. T. HAGEWOOD

R'c'd for services \$5.35; sermons preached 9; conversions witnessed 5. My work has been Evangelistic. I have neglected my duty to some extent but hope to do more in future life.

W. T. Hagewood, Hamble, Tenn.

G. W. BOYTE

Baptised 8; r'c'd into church 6; r'c'd from other souces \$3.00 sermons preached 20; miles traveled 150; marriages solemnized 24; funerals conducted 4; prayer meetings conducted 20; homes visited 40; prayers in homes 8; I have no churches in charge. Spend all the time I can in Prayer meeting and Preach at any of our churches and God blesses my efforts.

G. W. Boyt. R. R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery convened on the 4th. of Oct. 1912 at the close of the Association.

The Presbytery was called to order by Moderator J. L. Welch. W. W. Davis was elected Mederator to take J. L. Welch's place, and Mrs. H. P. Smith was elected clerk.

The following were appointed on a committee to investigate the character of our Ministers, G. T. Harris, G. W. Frambrough, H. V. Abernathy.

The following report were handed in from Committee on Petitions and requests from Association.

We your committee beg leave to submit the follwing report. We recommend the petitions of G. M. Pruitt and L. B. H. Green be accepted and they be referred to the Ordaining council for examination. Your Committee

H. V. Abernathy
W. W. Davis
G. W. Boydt

The Ordaining Council handed in the following report, We recommend Bros. G. M. Pruitt and L. B. H. Green for ordination.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens
,, D. T. Armstrong
,, A. D. Duncan
G. W. Frambrough
R. R. Gower

The committee on character of minsters make the following report: We your committee after making inquiry about the conduct and character of the ministers of our denomination. find all to be good with the exceptions of Bro. Claxton of whose character we have two letters stating or charging him guilty of things unbecoming a Christian gentleman or pastor. We therefore recommend him to you for your consideration.

G. T. Harris
G. W. Frambrough

On motion it was ordered that the moderãtor appoint a committee of three to investigate the character of Bro. Claxton and if he be found not guilty, he be invested with a card of this Pres. and if found guilty to be discharged.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following on a committee to investigate the charges as per report of committee on character of ministers: J. E. Hudgens, G. T. Harris, H. V. Abernathy.

On motion, Bro. D. T. Armstrong read the charge to candidates for ordination and Bro. J. L. Welch lead the ordaining prayer.

The Ordination was delivered and then on motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at close of next Association.

W. W. Davis, Moderator
Mrs. H. P. Smith, Clerk

DEACONS.

Antioch—No intelligence.

Bethel—G. W. Frambrough, W. J. Bobbitt, W. E. Frambrough.

Bethlehem—A. E. Boyte, W. H. Binkly, J. H. Felts, W. T. Sanders.

Brandon's Chapel—M. H. Morgan, J. B. Burke.

Cofer's Chapel—R. Manners, Ed Parker, J. Sullivan.

Craigfield—W. G. Sullivan, J. G. Sullivan, J. A. Beard.

Cross Roads—W. A. Crow, George Murrel.

Dunbar's Chapel—Not known.

Greenwood—C. T. Dowell, W. T. Dowell, J. W. Rippy.

Good Spring—No intelligence.

Harpeth Valley—No intelligence.

Heads—H. J. Head, R. R. Gower, J. R. Lawrence, J. J. Gower.

Hickory Grove—V. N. McCorpin, C. C. Myatt, A. J. Myatt.

Hopewell—J. T. Davidson, J. T. Graham.

Hurricane Chapel—A. J. Burgess, L. E. Dotson.

Indian Mound—W. T. Vaughan, W. H. Olliver.

Maple Valley—No intelligence.

Marrowbone—Not known.

Miller's Chapel—W. J. Miller, H. T. Mayfield.

Mt. Hermon—W. J. Deavers, E. P. Woods, Willie Grant, Robert McCurdy.

Mt. Pleasant—C. C. Cagle.

Mt. Zion—J. T. Newman, A. Rediker, H. V. Abernathy, G. T. Harris.

New Hope—I. D. Hicks, J. J. Felts.

Oak Grove—Not known.

Oakland—Joe Carter.

Oaklawn—S. C. Balthop, W. H. Nichols.

Oakwood—R. M. Luter, W. W. Clinard, J. R. Mayo, S. R. Jackson.

Olivet—H. D. Elliot, J. T. Allen.

Paradise Ridge—No intelligence

Pleasant Hill—No intelligence

Richland Chapel—S. L. Patterson, J. G. Miller.

Rock Spring—W. H. Patterson, M. M. Carroll, C. J. Hagewood
B. H. Hagewood.

Scott's Chapel—H. Bullard, E. T. Gillihan.

Shady Grove—Hardy Phelts, J. Major.

Smith's Grove—Joe Sir Smith, Sr. J. V. Smith

Spring Hill—A. L. Lane, J. J. Smiley

Stony Point—J. E. Williams, C. W. Waynick

Walnut Grove—No intelligence

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 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 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 bought 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; not withstanding we believe in the free moral agency of man after justification, and there is 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 partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible to ever 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 of 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 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 Cor. 10:16, that each individual, having been indused into the Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost, and having faith to exercise the free dictation 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.

GOVERNMENT and CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for every one hundred members, or fraction thereof.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration, number dismissed by letter, excluded, died since last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for ensuing year, names of deacons and their addresses, names of Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary and addresses, enrollment of Sunday School, and also amount collected since last Association, and amount paid out to pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to any other expenses may have had, and amount

left in treasury.

3. This Association shall possess no power to infringe on the inherent right 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 office 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 the gospel order.

7. Every motion made and seconded 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 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 recommendations from their churches and 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 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 the 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 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. Also, his duty to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11 No person shall be ordained until he can fill the requirements of Paul's letter to Timothy, 3, and this be tested by the Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall have full power to propound Scriptural questions as they 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 question coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority, except excluded churches, which shall receive a 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 corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and 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 to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the 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 Freewill Baptists to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegated by the church.

Churches	Clerks	Post Offices all in Tenn.
Antioch		Neptune.
Bethel	W. S. Nicholson	Ashland City, R. 1.
Bethlehem	H. J. Binkley	Dover, R. 1
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Luthin	Nashville, 1604 Arthur Ave
Cofer's Chapel	Ed Brown	Bonaqua, R. 1
Craigfield	E. P. Tidwell	Dickson, R. 5.
Cross Roads	W. P. Chadwick	Cumberland City.
Dunbar's Chapel	Thomas Hanyonline	
Good Spring		
Greenwood	Verny Rippy	Orlinda.
Harpeth Valley		
Heads	H. E. Murphey	Cedar Hill, R. 5
Hickory Grove	J. F. Murrell	Dickson, R. 5
Hopewell	A. J. Crotzer	Hickory Point.
Hurricane Chapel	Adelia Burgess	McEwens.
Indian Mound	Emma Moery	Indian Mound.
Maple Valley		
Marrowbone	B. R. Simpkins	Ashland City, R. 1
Miller's Chapel	W. S. Simpson	Pardue, R. 1
Mt. Hermon	Florence Scruggs	Turbine.
Mt. Pleasant	J. L. Cagle	Joelton, R. 2
Mt. Zion	G. F. Newman	Joelton, R. 2
New Hope	C. E. Binkley	Pleasant View.
Oak Grove	E. L. Sensing	Charlotte, R. 2
Oakland	A. A. Dickerson	Joelton, R. 3
Oaklawn	E. C. Watts	Thomasville, R. 1
Oakwood	B. E. Harris	Cedar Hill, R. 5
Olivet	J. R. Gower	Port Royal.
Paradise Ridge		
Pleasant Hill		
Richland Chapel	Eulah Patterson	Nashville, 5807 Cent. Ave.
Rock Spring	V. B. Hagewood	Hamble.
Scott's Chapel	Dicy Milam	Cumberland City.
Shady Grove	W. T. Major	Woodford, R. 1
Smith's Grove	H. W. Abney	Indian Mound.
Spring Hill	J. H. Hunt	Joelton, R. 2
Stony Point	Ella Lilley	Vanleer, R. 2
Walnut Grove		

RULES of DECORUM

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

