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Seventy-First Annual Session
OF THE



Cumberland
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J. H. OLIVER, CLERK,-----Indian Mound, Tenn., R. 1



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

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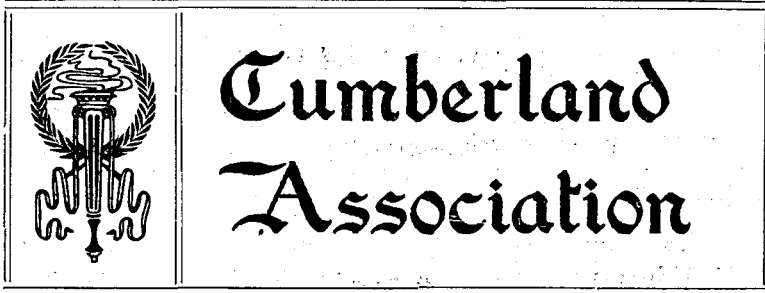
Churches

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.
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FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

-----Freewill Christian Baptist
Church at-----

To the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptist Churches
when convened at-----

We have chosen our representatives to-wit:-----

Our statistics are as follows:

Received by experience-----; by letter-----;
by recommendation-----; by restoration-----;
dismissed by letter-----; excluded-----;
died-----; total number in fellowship-----;
church property valued at \$-----; our day of
meeting is-----; our pastor is

We have paid our pastor \$-----; we have
called-----

to pastor us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Superin-
tendent's name is-----

Our S. S. Secretary's name is-----

We send \$-----for Minutes.

This done by order of the church-----191--

-----, Moderator.

-----, Clerk.

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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

The Seventy-First Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptists met with Oak Grove Church, Dickson county, Tenn., September 30, 1914.

The retiring Moderator being absent, Rev. A. D. Duncan called the Association to order at 10 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday.

Rev. D. T. Armstrong was unanimously elected Moderator, and J. H. Oliver, Clerk, by acclamation.

On motion Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Assistant Moderator.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee of three to arrange the various committees, their report to be referred to this body for its adoption. The following were appointed: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. G. D. McReynolds and Bro. Ed. Gower.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev. E. W. Stone, of the Stone Association, was invited to sit in council with us.

The Committee on Appointment of Committees reported as follows, viz:

ON TEMPERANCE—Rev. E. F. Miles, Rev. C. H. Pickle, and Bro. John Mannors.

ON FINANCE—C. A. Nickles, W. D. Procter, George Chadoen.

ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICES—Rev. J. R. Elliott, Job Doty, W. M. Sensing.

ON HOME MISSIONS—Rev. J. L. Welch, John Gower, G. W. Fambrough.

ON STATE OF CHURCHES—Rev. W. W. Davis, Rev. C. H. Pickle, Rev. George Pruitt.

ON OBITUARIES—G. E. Gower, Rev. J. R. Elliott, Rev. W. M. Rodgers.

ON LITERATURE AND EDUCATION—Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. E. F. Miles, Rev. G. D. McReynolds.

Business hours were fixed to begin at 9 a. m. and at 1 p. m. and to adjourn at the pleasure of the body.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Duncan. Text—Luke 9, 35: "Hear Him."

Afternoon Session.

Roll called and quorum present. Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The letters were read from the various churches.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows:

Wednesday, at 7 p. m., Rev. W. M. Rodgers preach at Oak Grove, and Rev. J. L. Welch at Greenwood. Thursday at 11 a. m., Rev. J. E. Hudgens preach at Oak Grove; 7 p. m., Rev. W. S. Gentry preach at Oak Grove, Dr. G. W. Boyte at Greenwood, and Rev. A. D. Duncan at Maple Valley. Friday at 11 a. m., Rev. E. W. Stone at Oak Grove.

Petitionary letters were called for and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Requests.

Corresponding letters were called for and one received from the Western Division of the Stone Association. On motion this letter be received and spread on our minutes.

The Association adjourned to 9 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

Prayer by Bro. Sam Millegan. Roll called and quorum present.

Reports of committees were called for and the following received and adopted: Committee on Sunday Schools, Committee on Obituaries, Committee on Home Missions, Committee on State of Churches.

The report of the Treasurer was received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

After adjournment Bro. Hudgens preacyed us a fine memorial sermon in which he brought vividly to our minds the life and work of Bro. E. S. Pruitt, and other beloved brethren of earlier days who have devoted their lives to the cause of the Master. Text: Rev. 14: 13.

Afternoon Session.

House called to order by Moderator. Roll called and quorum present. Prayer by Rev. G. D. McReynolds.

On motion the Moderator appoint the Home Mission Board. The following were appointed: D. T. Armstrong, J. L. Welch, G. D. McReynolds, G. W. Fambrough, J. H. Oliver.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests was received and adopted, and the delegates from Cumberland Valley Church were seated in council with us.

Report of Committee on Temperance was received and adopted.

The following report of the Home Mission Board was received and adopted:

Board met and elected Rev. J. L. Welch, President, and Rev. G. D. McReynolds, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. J. L. Welch was appointed President of the Ladies' Aid Society, and Mrs. Anna Holt, Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Holt's address is Port Royal, Tenn.

The following resolutions were received and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Oak Grove Church for their generous hospitality which they have shown to this body during its present sitting.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

Resolved, That we voice our appreciation of the presence and council of Rev. E. W. Stone, of the Western Division of the Stone Association, and hereby express our high esteem for him and for his Association, and very much desire that the fraternal relations between their Association and ours shall be strengthened year by year.

On motion we adopt the "Freewill Baptist Messenger," published at Baxter, Tenn., as our church organ and earnestly request our members to subscribe for said paper. Address, Freewill Baptist Publishing Co., Baxter, Tenn.

On motion we keep a Home Missionary in the field, and that we go into the election of a Home Missionary. Rev. W. S. Gentry was elected Home Missionary.

On motion we go into the election of a place for our next sitting. The following churches were nominated: New Hope, Dunbar's Chapel, Heads, and Stony Point. Dunbar's Chapel was elected.

On motion the time of the Association be changed to Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October.

Reports of Committees on Finance and on Education and Literature were received and adopted.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning.

Roll called and quorum present. Prayer by Bro. Robert Carroll. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

On motion the Moderator appoint delegates to correspond with other Associations. The following were appointed: Western Division of Stone Association, Rev. A. D. Duncan. General Baptists, Rev. J. L. Welch. Eastern Division of Stone Association, Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Stone River Association, Rev. W. W. Davis.

Rev. G. D. McReynolds was appointed to correspond with an Association of Freewill Baptists in Missouri, but the name of this Association was not given.—CLERK.

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen to preach the introductory sermon next year, with W. S. Gentry as his alternate.

On motion Rev. D. T. Armstrong was chosen to preach the Memorial Sermon next year at 11 a. m., Thursday.

On motion the Introductory Sermon be preached at 11 a. m. next year and the Association be organized at 1 p. m.

On motion the form of Church Letter was changed and the Clerk was instructed to have the form printed in the Minutes.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to tabulate the ministerial reports.

On motion we adjourned to meet with Dunbar's Chapel Church, four miles northwest of Cumberland City, Stewart county, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1915, at 11 a. m., for the Introductory Sermon, and to organize for business at 1 p. m.

D. T. ARMSTRONG, Moderator.

J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Temperance.

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following for your consideration: That the report spread on the minutes of last year by Bros. J. E. Hudgens, W. D. Proctor, and D. T. Armstrong is clothed in language as strong as human can express it. Therefore we your committee submit it for adoption as our motto for the ensuing year and not only so but for all time to come.

Your Committee,

E. F. MILES.

J. O. MANNERS.

C. H. PICKLE.

LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

Whereas the evils of the liquor traffic are generally admitted by every one;

Whereas our State is torn with strife, and pregnant with dissensions, consequent on lawlessness incident by violations of our temperance laws; and

Whereas the action of our present Legislature or rather their inaction and refusal to allow the law enforcement bills to come to a vote, are highly reprehensible; and

Whereas we favor the enforcement of our present prohibition laws,

Therefore be it Resolved, That we as an Association go on record as favoring the abolition of the traffic as whole, both State and National, and especially do we urge the passage of the Anti Jug Law by the United States.

J. E. HUDGENS.

W. D. PROCTOR.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Education and Literature.

We your Committee on Education and Literature beg leave to submit the following for your consideration: Whereas we as an Association have made but little progress since last year, therefore we want to have the same report spread upon the minutes of this Association, with this extension, That our Ordaining Council in the examination of an applicant for the ministerial work that they especially examine them as to their literary attainments.

YOUR COMMITTEE.

Amendment—Freewill Baptist as our church organ.

LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following for your consideration: Realizing the great need of an education in this progressive age of the world, in order that we, as a denomination may keep pace with sister organizations, and also, that our organization has fallen far behind in this respect as regards our ministerial rank as well as layman. Believing as we do that the Bible is the greatest and best text book of the age, and the only infallible one, we have. We therefore recommend first of all, a careful study of it in a systematic way by our layman as it is our only infallible guide from earth to heaven, and further we do most cordially insist that our ministers habituate themselves to a daily study of the same, and not only so, but use all the helps obtainable that is calculated to give light or insight into the deep things of God. We further recommend the system adopted last year in regard to the school for our ministers, with enlargement of same constantly from year to year, as experience teaches and means will permit until we shall have within our Association a college fully equipped for the education of our

ministers. We further recommend to all our licentiates, who feel the call to the ministerial work, that they put their minds to work and keep it employed, as an idle mind is the devil's work shop; also keep in mind that an education is not attainable alone out of text books but is a life of experience and observation. We further request that our licentiates put forth every effort possible to obtain a literary education and that this Association lend a helping hand to all young men and women in this respect.

G. D. McREYNOLDS.

E. F. MILES.

A. B. TRAVIS.

Petitions and Requests.

We your Committee on Petitions and Requests beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that the church at Cumberland Valley be admitted into the Association; that it be placed on the roll in regular order as the other churches and the delegates be invited to seats with us.

A. D. DUNCAN.

W. T. PERRY.

W. S. SIMPSON.

Finance.

We, your Finance Committee, report as follows: Received for Minute Money from the following:

Antioch.....	\$ 50	Bethel.....	\$ 2 00
Bethlehem.....	2 00	Brandon's Chapel....	1 00
Cofer's Chapel.....	2 00	Craigfield.....	1 00
Cross Roads.....	50	Dunbar's Chapel.....	1 00
Good Springs.....	1 45	Heads.....	2 80
Cumberland Valley.....	80	Hickory Grove.....	65
Hopewell.....	45	Hurricane Chapel.....	50
Indian Mound.....	1 10	Maple Valley.....	75
Marrowbone.....	1 50	Miller's Chapel.....	1 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	1 00	Mt. Zion.....	2 00
Mt. Herman.....	1 15	New Hope.....	1 70
Oak Grove.....	1 00	Oaklawn.....	1 50
Oakland.....	1 30	Pleasant Hill.....	1 90
Rock Springs.....	1 50	Shady Grove.....	86
Smith's Grove.....	1 93	Stony Point.....	1 00
Total.....			\$40 26

W. D. PROCTOR.

C. A. NICHOLS.

G. W. SHADASON.

State of the Church

We your Committee on the State of the Church submit the following report: After a careful consideration of the matter, we

find that the churches composing this Association are in better condition than they have been for the past several years. Some of them have been wonderfully built up during this year spiritually, and some of them have received much needed repairs, and there seems to be a general forward move along all lines, possibly except along the line of finance, in which respect some of our churches are woefully lacking; still we are pleased to note some signs of improvement along this line. And we recommend that especial stress be laid on the matter of ministerial and mission support to that end that the church may be built up and God's cause honored and the world thereby blessed. We also report with pleasure that one new church has been added to our number and one church house built.

W. W. DAVIS.

GEO. M. PRUITT.

C. H. PICKLE.

Sunday School

We your Committee on Sunday School beg leave to submit the following report: Believing as we do that the Sunday School is the nursery of the church where the children receive early training for their future welfare, and where their thoughts, actions and their very lives are blended into the great fold of our Shepherd, and that statistics show that a very small per cent of Sunday School scholars are ever before courts of our country. We recommend that the pastors of the various churches use their influence in organizing Sunday Schools in all of our churches, and that they exert all means to assist in keeping the Sunday School running all the year. We further recommend the use of the Freewill Baptist literature in all of our churches.

H. V. ABERNATHY.

J. C. CARNEY.

G. W. BOYTE.

Home Missions.

We your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that a Home Mission Board, consisting of five members, be appointed at this sitting of the Association. We further recommend that each church in the Association shall pay to the Chairman of the Home Mission Board not less than \$10.00 per year. We further recommend that a Ladies' Aid Society of the Cumberland Association be organized, consisting of one member from each church in the Association, and that a President and Secretary be appointed by the President of the Home Mission Board and the other members shall be appointed by the pastor of each church. The duty of this society is to assist in the Home Mission and church extension work. The duties of the society to be outlined by its President. We further recommend that one day during the year be set aside and observed by the entire Association. We further recommend

Foreign Missions and urge our people to give as much to this cause as possible.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

JNO. GOWER.

J. L. WELCH.

Obituaries.

We your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: That whereas it has pleased God in His wise Providence to take out of our ranks our dearly beloved Brother E. S. Pruitt and some of our lay members, we therefore cordially extend to Sister Pruitt and to the bereaved families of our layity our heartfelt sympathy; and further commend them to Him who is too wise to err and too good to do wrong. We realize our loss is their gain.

G. E. GOWER.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

W. M. RODGERS.

Report of Treasurer.

To Balance last Report	\$20 63
Amount Received for Disciplines	1 20
Missionary, Bethel	1 75
Missionary, Mt. Herman	80
Total	\$24 38
By Amount paid J. E. Hudgens, Missionary	2 55
Balance in Treasury	\$21 83
Respectfully,	G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treas.

Stone Association Letter.

We, The Freewill Christian Baptist Churches of the Western Division of Stone Association, assembled in annual conference at Johnson Church, Putnam county, Tenn., send greetings to the brethren of the Cumberland Association when convened with the Oak Grove Church, Dickson county, Tenn.

We send our beloved Brothers, J. L. Myers, W. B. Gentry and J. W. Stone to represent us in your body, whom we trust you will deem worthy to a seat in council with you. Our most successful Associational year closed October 15th, 1913, with the following statistics:

Number of churches	40
Number of preachers	41
Increase by profession	369
Increase by letter	11
Increase by recommendation	22
Increase by restoration	7
Decrease by letter	19
Decrease by death	37

Decrease by exclusion.....	35
Clear gain in membership.....	318

giving us a total of 3,582 members. We paid for pastoral and revival work, \$1,186.47, and for Home Missions, \$134.83. We are pleased to have your co-operation in the great work before us, and trust that the Lord, through His faithful few, will forward this work to the remotest parts of the earth. Our next Association meets with the Smith's Chapel Church, Cumberland county, Tenn., seven miles south of Mayland, on the T. C. Ry., and three miles east of Derossett, on the N. C. & St. L. Ry., on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1914.

By order of the Association, October 17, 1913.

W. B. GENTRY, Moderator,
Cookeville, Tenn.

A. LEE, Clerk.
Mayland, Tenn.

Report of Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Cofer's Chapel, Freewill Baptist Church, reports the year's work as follows:

On hand October 2, 1913.....	\$ 50 30
Collected during year.....	58 90
Total.....	\$109 20
Paid out.....	59 80
Balance on hand October 1, 1914.....	\$ 52 40
Quilts on hand amounting to.....	19 50
Total.....	\$ 71 90

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY.

The Annual Presbytery convened on the 2nd day of October at the close of the Association. The Presbytery was called to order by Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Moderator, and proceeded to elect officers. Rev. A. D. Duncan was elected Moderator by acclamation, and J. H. Oliver was elected Clerk by acclamation.

On motion the Moderator appoint the Ordaining Council. The following were appointed: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Rev. E. F. Miles, Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. H. V. Abernathy, and Bro. A. T. Gillehan.

On motion the last word (valid), in Article 9 of the Government and Constitution be erased from our minutes and we substitute the word "final." Adjourned to 1 p. m.

After adjournment we were favored with a fine sermon from Rev. E. W. Stone. The sermon was followed by great rejoicing, and one precious soul was happily converted. There was also a bright conversion on the preceeding night. Indeed we have been wonderfully blessed in all of these services with a mighty "out-pouring" of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

Friday Afternoon.

House called to order by the Moderator. Roll called and quorum present. Prayer by J. H. Oliver.

A letter was received from Craigfield Church stating that charges had been brought against Bro. D. Sullivan, and that he had been excluded from the church.

On motion we consider this matter and the Moderator appoint a committee of three to investigate the same. The following were appointed: Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Rev. J. R. Elliott and Bro. W. M. Sensing. The committee reported as follows:

We your committee appointed to investigate the matter from Craigfield Church between the Brothers Sullivan, beg leave to report that after investigating as thoroughly as we can that it is a purely personal matter, and, therefore, we recommend that it be referred to the church. Respectfully, COMMITTEE.

This report was adopted.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

Memorandum of proceedings of the Ordaining Council which met at close of the Annual Association at Oak Grove Church, Dickson county, Tenn., October 2, 1914: After examining Bros. S. L. Patterson, W. S. Gentry, W. T. Hagewood and W. R. Carroll, we recommend that Bros. S. L. Patterson, W. S. Gentry and W. R. Carroll be ordained to the full work of the ministry. We further recommend that Bro. J. Brake be restored to full fellowship, and that the Deacons of Cumberland Valley Church be ordained, and that Bro. W. T. Hagewood's ordination be postponed for another year.

J. E. HUDGENS, Ch'n.

H. V. ABERNATHY.

A. T. GILLILAND.

E. F. MILES.

J. L. WELCH.

The report was adopted. Bro. J. Brake was welcomed back into our Presbytery in a very cordial manner by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

The charge was read from the third chapter of first Timothy by Rev. J. E. Hudgens in a very impressive manner; after which

Bro. S. L. Patterson, Bro. Robert Carroll and Bro. W. S. Gentry were ordained to the full work of the ministry; and Bros. J. D. Brown and J. T. Peeler were ordained as deacons of Cumberland Valley Church, by prayer and laying on of hands. The prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association, or at any time the Moderator sees it necessary to call us together.

A. D. DUNCAN, Moderator.

J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Armstrong, D. T.	R. 1, Thomasville, Tenn.
Ayers, J. W.	R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Brake, J.	Cumberland City, Tenn.
Brown, W. A.	McClean Station, R. 7, Nashville, Tenn.
Boyte, G. W.	R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Casteel, W. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	R. 1, Box 19, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Chadwick, J. A.	Dickson, Tenn.
Davis, W. W.	R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Duncan, A. D.	1027 Scott Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Elliott, J. R.	Hickory Point, Tenn.
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gentry, W. S.	Cumberland City, Tenn.
Gordan, J. W.	R. 3, Ashland City, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Hazlewood, Thos.	Jordonia, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	R. 5, Dickson, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Miles, E. F.	Pardue, Tenn.
Myatt, S. A.	Dickson, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H.	Indian Mound, Tenn.
Patterson, S. L.	Indian Mound, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H.	Indian Mound, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	R. 3, Joelton, Tenn.
Rodgers, W. M.	1818½ Delta Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. G.	R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Licentiates.

Beard, L. A.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Burgess, A. J.	Tennessee City, Tenn.
Gower, Joe	R. 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Hembree, F. A.	Cumberland City, Tenn.
Hogan, A. R.	R. 1, Woodford, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	Hamble, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. H.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Scott's Chapel—P. T. Underwood, Joe Townzen.
Antioch—J. M. Baker, H. H. Hamilton.
Bethel—W. S. Nicholson, Mrs. Cora Nicholson, Chas. Hand,
W. I. Barton.
Bethlehem—W. T. Percy, Reed Simmons, T. S. Bobbit, A. H.
Hudgens.
Brandon's Chapel—J. B. Burke, W. P. Luton.
Coffer's Chapel—Mentlo White.
Craigfield—J. A. Beard, John Sullivan.
Cross Roads—A. R. Work.
Dunbar's Chapel—John Manners, Tom Ford.
Good Spring—Will Leighton.
Greenwood—R. D. Nelson, Sister Bulah Nelson.
Heads—H. E. Murphey, John Gower, W. B. Hayner, G. E. Gower.
Hickory Grove—W. M. Murrell.
Hopewell—L. B. Bolding, Martha Ann Lovelace.
Hurricane Chapel—Represented by Letter.
Harpeth Valley—Not Represented.
Indian Mound—W. E. Elliott.
Maple Valley—H. A. Rice.
Marrowbone—J. C. Carney, C. C. Carney.
Miller's Chapel—W. S. Simpson, I. H. Sutton.
Mt. Pleasant—R. F. Biggs, James Biggs.
Mt. Zion—M. J. Reed, Weaver Douglas.
Mt. Herman—Joe Grant, O. A. Scruggs.
New Hope—Represented by Letter.
Oak Grove—G. Graham.
Oaklawn—J. M. Baltheop, Bailey Walker, Mrs. Williamson
Walker.
Oakland—Bro. George Chadoen, Bro. George Carney.
Oakwood—Not Represented.
Olivet—C. A. Nichols, J. T. Elliott.
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, J. W. Lewis.
Pruett's Chapel—Not Represented.
Paradise Ridge—Not Represented.
Rock Springs—W. D. Proctor, J. B. Hagewood, W. R. Carroll.
Richland Chapel—Not Represented.
Shady Grove—Henry Holt, Dora A. Bagwell.
Smith's Grove—Porter E. Oliver.
Spring Hill—Not Represented.
Stony Point—Mrs. Willie Finch, Mrs. Lulie Lewis.
Union Hill—Not Represented.

I have omitted the names of Deacons because the form of Church Letter which we have adopted doesn't give them.—CLERK.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

NAME OF MINISTER	Churches in Charge	Sermons Preached	Conversions Witnessed	Received Into Church	Baptized	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Solemnized	Miles Traveled	Received for Services
D. T. Afmstrong	4	50	24	19	1	2		\$ 200	63
W. M. Castile		67	4	6					31 50
W. W. Davis	2	65			5	7	2,000		67 50
A. D. Duncan		67	99	47	3		2,005		200 05
J. R. Elliott		80	38	35		4			70 75
W. S. Gentry	1	200	83	4					71 00
Joe Gower	1	24			4				55 00
L. B. H. Green	95	25	4	4	3	7			30 00
W. T. Hagewood	1	25			2		75		35 10
G. D. McReynolds	2	91	15		2	1			145 68
C. H. Pickle and J. H. Oliver	5	200	20	38	28		3,000		300 00
G. M. Pruitt	2	131		16	2		2,200		121 00
W. M. Rodgers		94					2,430		366 10
W. G. Sullivan	1		2	1	2		500		
J. L. Welch	1	90	25		9	10			181 58

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES All in Tennessee	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Recommend'n	Received by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Transferred by Request	Number of Members	Day of Meeting	Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Missionary	Minutes
Antioch	Susan Story	Vanleer, R. F. D. No. 1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	2	\$ 500	40 00	1 75	50
Bethel	W. S. Nicholson	Neptune	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	199	2	1,500	101 25	1 75	2 00
Bethlehem	H. J. Binkley		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	287	1	800			2 00
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Luton	1503 Arthur Ave., Nashville	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	4	1,000	64 25		1 00
Cofer's Chapel	Mrs. Mentio White	Bon Aqua, R. F. D. No. 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	2 3 4	3,750	162 00	1 00	2 00
Craigfield	W. H. Strison	Dickson, R. F. D. No. 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	1	400			1 00
Cross Roads	A. R. Work	Cumberland City	3	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	3	1,200	70 00		1 00
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Clara Manners	Cross Plains	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	3	1,200	89 37		1 00
Greenwood	Virnian Reppy		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	200	3	1,000			2 80
Heads	G. E. Gower		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	4	200			65
Hickory Grove	J. F. Murrell		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	3	600			45
Hopewell	Martha Ann Lovelace		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	3	300	10 28		50
Hurricane Chapel	Addia Burgess	Indian Mound	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	4	800	35 00		1 10
Harpeth Valley	No Letter		10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	2	300			75
Indian Mound	Mrs. C. A. Moery	Ashland City, R. F. D. No. 3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	4	1,000	20 00		1 50
Maple Valley	A. B. Travis	Pardue, R. F. D. No. 1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	3	300			1 00
Marrowbone	Walter E. Davis		4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	2	500			1 00
Miller's Chapel	W. S. Simpson	Joelton, R. F. D. No. 2	38	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	170	1	1,500	100 00		2 00
Mt. Pleasant	J. T. Cagle	Southside, R. F. D. No. 1	7	2	9	2	1	1	1	1	46	3	500	96 90		1 15
Mt. Zion	H. V. Abernathy	Joelton	8	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	106	3	1,000			1 70
Mt. Hermon	Florence Scruggs		10	8	3	2	1	1	1	1	81	2	800	41 75		1 00
New Hope	Miss Ethel Binkley		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	4	1,500			1 50
Oak Grove	E. L. Sensing	Joelton, R. F. D. No. 3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	2	1,000	30 00		1 30
Oaklawn	G. O. Nichols		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	2	1,000	66 12		1 90
Oakwood	T. L. Burns	Port Royal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	180	2	800			
Olivet	No Letter	Dover	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	203	1	1,500			1 50
Pleasant Hill	J. R. Gower	Sobel, R. F. D. No. 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	59	1	600	55 50	2 25	2 00
Pruitt's Chapel	No Letter	Cumberland City	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	2	800	50 00		86
Paradise Ridge	No Letter	Indian Mound, R. F. D. No. 1	15	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	2	800	45 63		1 93
Rock Spring	V. B. Hagewood		7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	3	525	42 00		1 00
Richland Chapel	No Letter	Vanleer, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 46	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	2	1,000			1 45
Scott's Chapel	J. W. Adams		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16					80
Shady Grove	Mrs. Dora A. Bagwell															
Smith's Grove	H. W. Abney															
Spring Hill	No Letter															
Spring Point	Mrs. Ella Lilly															
Union Hill	No Letter															
Union Point	Mrs. Ella Lilly															
Good Spring	Naomie Mayo															
Cumberland Valley	M. M. Bowker															

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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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 Abram'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.

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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; notwithstanding 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 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, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistant, or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. 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 final.

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 questions 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.

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.

