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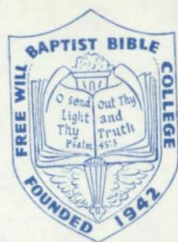
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Election of officers.
4. Reading letters from various Churches.
5. Appointment of Committee to Arrange Committees.
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.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

The Seventy-Second Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptists met with Dunbar's Chapel Church, Stewart County, Tenn., October 20, 1915.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. J. L. Welch.. Text: 1 Cor. 12: 31.

After the Introductory Sermon a bountiful repast was served by the church and friends of the community.

Afternoon Session.

The Association convened for business at 1:30 p. m. The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Roll called and quorum present.

Rev. A. D. Duncan was elected Moderator, and J. H. Oliver was chosen Clerk by acclamation.

Rev. D. T. Armstrong was chosen Assistant Moderator, and Rev. Joe Gower, Assistant Clerk.

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

On motion the Moderator appointed the Devotional Committee. The following were appointed: Rev. C. H. Pickle, Bro. John Manners, Rev. W. S. Gentry.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committee of three to appoint the various committees. He appointed Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. M. Castile, and Rev. W. R. Carroll.

On motion the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

A very touching letter was read from Rev. J. W. Ayers, in which he requested that this delegated body offer a special prayer for him. On motion the regular order of business was suspended and a fervent prayer was offered for Bro. Ayers, led by Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

On motion the brethren whose names appear on the church letters as alternates, and whose churches failed to send as many delegates as their number of members entitled them to, be made delegates.

The Committee on appointment of Committees reported as follows:

ON TEMPERANCE—Bro. George Harris, Bro. Anderson King, and Rev. J. R. Elliott.

ON FINANCE—Bro. Billie Procter, Bro. James Elliott, and Dr. G. W. Boyte.

ON STATE OF CHURCH—Rev. W. S. Gentry, Rev. C. H. Pickle and Bro. A. R. Hogan.

ON OBITUARIES—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Bro. W. B. Feltner, and Rev. W. W. Davis.

ON HOME MISSIONS—Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. G. W. Fambrough, and Rev. W. M. Castile.

ON EDUCATION AND LITERATURE—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Rev. W. T. Hagewood, and Bro. W. I. Barton.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. CARROLL,

W. M. CASTILE,

J. L. WELCH,

Committee.

The Committee on Devotions reported as follows:

Rev. George Pruitt preach at Dunbar's Chapel, Wednesday night, and Rev. J. R. Elliott at Hopewell. Rev. D. T. Armstrong at Dunbar's Chapel, Thursday at 11:00 a. m., and Rev. W. M. Castile, Thursday night. Rev. J. L. Welch, at Indian Mound, Thursday night. Rev. Joe Gower, at Dunbar's Chapel, Friday at 11:00 a. m.

The reading of letters from the various churches was begun and continued to 3:30 P. M.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

House called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Welch.

On motion the regular order of business be suspended and the Moderator appoint a committee of three to revise the Government and Constitution. He appointed Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. W. Davis, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

The reading of church letters was resumed, and after reading awhile, we suspended the regular order of business to hear Rev. E. W. Stone make a short talk.

Reading of church letters was again resumed and finished.

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

Corresponding letters were called for and one was received from the Stone Association. After gladly hearing this letter read, the Association ordered the Clerk to spread it on our minutes.

Committee on Revision of the Government and Constitution reported. The report was adopted and the revised form is shown at the regular place for the Government and Constitution.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

Thursday Evening.

House called to order by the Moderator. Roll called and quorum present. Prayer by Bro. George Harris.

On motion the Committee on Appointment of Committees be made Committee on Petitions and Requests.

The following committees reported and their reports were received and adopted: Committee on Temperance, Committee on Finance, Committee on Obituaries, Committee on Education and Literature.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests was received and adopted and the delegates from Shaw's Chapel were invited to sit in council with us.

A resolution was received and adopted to the effect that we have a Ministers, Deacons and Stewards meeting at Mt. Zion Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., to begin on Wednesday, before the second Sunday in December, 1915. On motion Rev. J. L. Welch was appointed to draw up a program for this meeting.

On motion each Clerk shall be required to use the form of church letter given in the minutes, when writing to the Association.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning.

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

Minutes read and approved.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee of three to investigate the condition of Harpeth Valley Church. He appointed: Rev. W. R. Carroll, Rev. W. S. Gentry, and Rev. E. F. Miles.

Report of the Treasurer was received and adopted.

Report of Home Mission Board received and adopted.

The following resolutions were received and adopted:

Never before has this Association been more cared for than at this annual session, and the people have so bountifully shown their hospitality to this body, that we feel, beyond a doubt, that they have an interest in our cause and that they wish our success in the religious world; and we feel that we are helped by coming among such a Christ-like people.

Resolved, therefore, That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Dunbar's Chapel for their generous hospitality which they have shown to this body during its present session.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of appreciation to Rev. E. W. Stone for his valued help during our sessions, and that we invite him to come again.

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

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen as our delegate to represent us in the General Conference, and the Treasurer was ordered to pay his expenses to and from this Conference out of the treasury.

On motion Rev. A. D. Duncan preach the Introductory Sermon next year.

On motion, the Moderator appoint some one to preach the Memorial Sermon next year. He appointed Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

On motion we go into the election of a place for our Association to convene next year. New Hope and Bethel were nominated and New Hope was elected.

Report of Committee on State of Church received and adopted.

Report of our Home Missionary received and adopted.

Report of the Home Mission Board received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:00 p.m.

Friday Afternoon.

House called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. S. L. Patterson.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

On motion we go into the election of a Home Missionary for the ensuing year. Rev. C. H. Pickle and Rev. W. S. Gentry were nominated. Rev. C. H. Pickle was elected.

It was suggested that the Clerks of the various churches correspond and get in closer touch with each other.—CLERK.

On motion we adjourned to meet with New Hope Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., twelve miles north of Ashland City, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1916, at 11:00 a. m., for the Introductory Sermon, and to organize for business at 1:00 p. m.

A. D. DUNCAN, Moderator.

J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

The Association overlooked the appointment of Corresponding Delegates to our sister Associations, and as it is customary for the Moderator to appoint them, he made the following appointments after adjournment, viz: To correspond with the Western Division of the Stone Association, Rev. D. T. Armstrong and Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Eastern Division of Stone Association, J. H. Oliver and C. H. Pickle.—CLERK.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Temperance.

Resolved, That a joint resolution be made submitting to the legislatures of the several states a constitutional amendment to prohibit the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating liquors except for scientific and medical purposes.

2. A law at once prohibiting the traffic in the District of Columbia.

3. A law forbidding the U. S. mails to carry liquor circulars and advertisements or any paper that advertises liquor, just as liquor itself is forbidden in the U. S. mails.

4. A law prohibiting the shipment through inter-state commerce of intoxicating liquors from any place to any other place.

5. A law requiring all applicants for Federal liquor tax receipts to state under oath that it is not unlawful to sell liquor as a beverage at the place named in the application.

6. We also urge Congress to submit the prohibition amendment to the States for their ratification or rejection, and urge upon our people the speedy ratification of this national prohibition amendment.

We also commend Gov. Rye and the members of the last Legislature in the passage and approval of the ouster law; also the drug store law and all laws for the better enforcement of the prohibition law.

G. T. HARRIS.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

H. A. KING.

Obituaries.

We the Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas it has pleased God in His wisdom to spare the lives of all of our ministers, we praise and adore His holy name for His extended mercies toward us; and Whereas, it has pleased God to take some of our lay members, we therefore cordially extend 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.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

W. W. DAVIS.

W. B. FELTNER.

Home Missions.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that the Home Mission Board be continued and that each church in this Association pay to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board not less than \$10.00, and that the pastor of each church shall appoint a committee to take such collection, and the pastor shall report at the next annual Association the failure and why, should any church fail to pay its part.

We recommend that a Home Missionary be elected at this Association and it shall be his duty to work in and through this Association, and that he shall make a monthly report to the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and the Secretary shall make a full report to the next annual Association. And said Home Missionary shall be paid monthly in proportion to his annual salary. But he shall not be paid till he has made his report to the Secretary of said Board.

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

W. M. CASTILE.

J. L. WELCH.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following:

Still realizing the great need of an education in this progressive age and realizing that a literary education prepares a good man or woman to do greater work for the advancement of the church and religious cause and for the up-building of the Lord's mission, and we can see the advancement our ministers are making along this line, and also our laymen are awakening to this great cause and are doing a great work for the educational advancement.

Believing as we do that the Bible is the greatest and best text book of all books and the only infallible one we have, we

therefore recommend first of all a careful and prayerful study of it in a systematic way by our pastors and laymen, that we can always be able to defend our doctrine and belief of the teachings of the word of God without controversy and arguments, believing that arguments and debates on the Bible is not best for the cause which we advocate.

We recommend the Holy Bible as our only infallible guide from earth to heaven, and further we do most cordially insist that our ministers habituate themselves to the daily study of the same, and not only so, but use all the help obtainable that is calculated to give light or insight into the deep things of God.

We further recommend that we keep in mind the need of a school for the education and preparation of the boys for the ministerial calling; and that we work and pray for the time to come when we will have a school in our Association.

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 workshop. Also keep in mind that an education is not attainable alone out of text books, but is a life 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.

W. J. BARTON.

WM. HAGEWOOD.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

State of the Church

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, submit the following report:

After a careful consideration we find that some of the churches composing this Association are in better condition spiritually than they were last year. Some of them are making rapid progress along some lines, especially in the interest of the mission work, while some of them are far behind along these lines.

We earnestly and prayerfully hope for the day when all our churches shall rally to the front along all these lines, and endeavor to advance the cause of Christ more in the future than they have in the past.

We recommend that all our ministers carefully instruct their congregations along these lines.

W. S. GENTRY.

A. R. HOGAN.

C. H. PICKLE.

Petitions and Requests.

We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that Shaw's Chapel Church be received into this Association and that Miller's Grove (formerly Richland Chapel) be re-accepted by the Association.

J. L. WELCH.

W. R. CARROLL.

W. M. CASTILE.

Finance

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

Received for Minutes from the various churches, thirty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents (\$37.85.)

Respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

Received since Association, \$1.00 from Hopewell Church.

Also \$1.00 from Greenwood Church:

CLERK.

Report of Home Missionary.

Sermons preached.....	132
Homes Visited.....	116
Conversions witnessed.....	18
Members received.....	8
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Baptized.....	1
Funerals conducted.....	2
Home Missions received as follows:	
Scott's Chapel.....	\$ 3 00
New Hope.....	5 19
Cofer's Chapel.....	5 50
Antioch.....	10 87
Oak Grove.....	12 31
Pleasant Hill.....	2 90
Cumberland Valley.....	5 00
Maple Valley.....	11 98
Mount Hermon.....	10 50
Rock Springs.....	3 00
Received from other sources.....	26 62
Total.....	\$93 39

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. GENTRY.

Stone Association Letter.

We, the Freewill Christian Baptists here assembled at the Smith's Chapel Church, Cumberland County, Tennessee, in our Forty-Ninth Annual Conference of the Western Division of the Stone Association, send greetings to the brethren of the Cumberland Association of the same when convened with the Dunbar's Chapel Church, Stewart County, Tennessee.

We send our beloved brethren, Revs. E. W. Stone and W. S. Clouse to represent us, who we trust you will deem worthy to a seat in council with you, and that through their efforts to do good and their association with you will tend to the up-building of God's cause and for the general good of all mankind. We want to express our appreciation of your presence with us in the past and extend our unanimous invitation to you in the future.

The reports received from our churches give the following statistics for the year ending October 15th, 1914: Increase by profession, 207; by letter, 2; by recommendation, 25; by restoration, 3. Decrease by letter, 8; by exclusion, 29; by death, 35. Our total membership in churches reported, 3591. Paid for pastoral and revival work, \$947.87; for Home Missions, \$38.87, and for Minutes of the Association, \$27.41. We have 38 churches and 41 ministers and licentiates. Our association was well attended and business was dispensed in all good feeling and Christian fellowship.

Our Association for 1915 convenes with the Dodson's Branch Church, Jackson County, Tennessee, beginning Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1915. Dodson's Branch Church is situated nine miles north of Cookeville, Tenn., on the Roaring River road. We ask your cooperation with us and pledge ours in the good work thus begun and trust that the sheltering hand of the Loving Father will ever be over us. This done by order of the assemblage and signed by order of the same, this October 16th, 1914.

L. F. SMITH, Moderator, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

A. LEE, Clerk, Mayland, Tenn.

Report of Ladies' Aid Society.

Report of Ladies' Aid Society of Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tenn. President, Mrs. Edd Parker; Vice-President, Mrs. Ben Trotter; Secretary, Mrs. W. M. White; Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Hood.

Balance last year	\$52 40
Dues for year	80 95

Total	\$133 35
Paid out	80 95

Balance	\$ 52 40
Quilts on hand	17 50

Total	\$ 69 90
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Report of Treasurer.

October 1, 1914, to balance	\$21 83
October 20, 1915, amount from sale of Disciplines	3 36

October 20, to amount received from J. H. Oliver, Clerk... 11 03

Total amount in Treasury.....\$36 22

Respectfully G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.
October 22, 1915.

Report of the Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Report of G. W. Fambrough, Secretary and Treasurer of the Home Mission Board:

Sept. 30, 1915, to amount from Mt. Hermon Church.....	\$ 5 10
Oct. 20, to amount from Bethel Church.....	10 50
Oct. 20, to amount from Mt. Zion Church.....	10 00
Oct. 21, to amount from New Hope Church.....	10 35
Oct. 21, to amount from Oakland Church.....	1 00
Oct. 21, to amount from Olivet Church.....	35 00
Oct. 21, to amount from Cofer's Chapel.....	45 00
Oct. 22, to amount from Indian Mound.....	3 95

Total.....\$120 90

Respectfully, G. W. FAMBROUGH, Sec'y and Treas.

Those desiring Disciplines can get them by addressing G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn. Price per copy, 14 cents.—CLERK.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY.

The Annual Presbytery convened on the 22nd day of October at the close of the Association. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan, and proceeded to elect officers. Rev. W. S. Gentry was elected Moderator and J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

On motion, W. M. Rodgers and G. D. McReynolds be excluded from our Presbytery and their names dropped from our list, because they have connected themselves with other denominations.

On motion, the Clerk write a form for our minister's reports and have it printed in the minutes.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

The Ordaining Council met and elected Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Secretary.

We received petitions from Bro. Joe Gower, Bro. Wm. Hagewood, Bro. W. F. Jackson, Bro. G. E. Gower and Bro. A. R. Hogan; and after due examination of each applicant, we do recommend to your body the ordination of Bros. Joe Gower, Wm.

Hagewood, G. E. Gower and A. R. Hogan; and we would recommend that Bro. W. F. Jackson continue in his licentiate work and continue to read and prepare himself for the ministry for at least one year. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WELCH, Chairman.

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Secretary.

A. D. Duncan, J. L. Welch, G. T. Harris, A. T. Gillihan, G. W. Fambrough, Council.

The report was received and adopted and the charge was read from the 3rd chapter of first Timothy in a very impressive manner; after which Bro. Joe Gower, Bro. Wm. Hagewood, Bro. G. E. Gower and Bro. A. R. Hogan were ordained to the full work of the ministry by prayer and laying on of hands.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the close of the annual Association or at any time the Moderator finds it necessary to call us together.

W. S. GENTRY, 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.
Castile, 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.	1504 Arthur Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Elliott, J. R.	Sobel, Tenn.
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gentry, W. S.	Cumberland City, Tenn.
Gordan, J. W.	R. 3, Ashland City, Tenn.
Gower, Joe	R. 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Gower, G. E.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	R. 1, Joelton, Tenn.
Hagewood, Wm.	Hamble, Tenn.
Hazlewood, Thomas	Jordonia, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	R. 1, Dickson, Tenn.
Hogan, A. R.	R. 1, Woodford, 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.	R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	R. 1, Dover, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. G.	R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1700 9th Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Licentiates.

Beard, L. A.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Burgess, A. J.	Tennessee City, Tenn.
Hembree, F. A.	Indian Mound, Tenn.
Jackson, W. F.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. H.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Antioch—J. M. Barker, W. M. Story.
 Bethel—W. I. Barton, Rudolph Perry, Edwin Bobbirtt.
 Bethlehem—A. H. Hudgens, Willie Walker, H. W. Binkley, Jessie Harris.
 Brandon's Chapel—G. W. Wallace, G. F. Heyer, M. H. Morgan.
 Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs, W. E. Breedlove, Mrs. N. C. Parker.
 Cumberland Valley—M. M. Brown.
 Craigfield—W. F. Jackson.
 Cross Roads—J. N. Horner, Will Crow.
 Dunbar's Chapel—Edd. Brinton, John Manners.
 Greenwood—Not represented.
 Good Springs—H. M. Davis, F. E. P. Davis.
 Heads—Joe Gower, G. W. Stack, Hubert Head.
 Hickory Grove—Not represented.
 Hopewell—J. S. Crotzer, L. B. Bolding.
 Hurricane Chapel—Not represented.
 Harpeth Valley—Not represented.
 Indian Mound—C. A. Mocry, T. P. Vaughn.
 Maple Valley—A. B. Travis, Sallie Travis.
 Marrowbone—Not represented.
 Miller's Chapel—A. D. Okain, W. S. Simpson.
 Miller's Grove—Represented by letter.
 Mt. Hermon—W. H. Grant, O. A. Scruggs.
 Mt. Pleasant—Frank Biggs, Senard Biggs, Miss Alice Biggs.
 Mt. Zion—Mrs. Bertha Harris, M. J. Read, Weaver Douglas.
 New Hope—Elias Millikan, W. C. Turrentine, Cage Matthews.
 Oak Grove—Marin Hague, E. B. Hays.
 Oaklawn—Thomas Watts, S. H. Swah, Will Devenport.
 Oakland—George Shadowen, Allen Carney.

Oakwood—Verbally represented by Esq. Luter.
 Olivet—J. T. Elliott, J. B. Gower, C. A. Nichols.
 Paradise Ridge—Not represented.
 Pleasant Hill—J. T. Walker, N. G. Wallace, J. W. Lewis.
 Pruitt's Chapel—Not represented.
 Rock Spring—John Nelson, W. D. Procter, J. B. Hagewood, H. J. Grove.
 Scott's Chapel—P. T. Underwood, Herman Adams.
 Shady Grove—J. C. Bagwell, Henry Holt.
 Shaw's Chapel—S. D. Shaw, Joe Ahart, S. T. Garland.
 Smith's Grove—H. W. Abney, G. C. Travis, J. W. Wilson.
 Spring Hill—George Hill, John Hunt.
 Stony Point—Joe Waynack, Mrs. Beckie Waynack.
 Union Hill—H. A. King, D. M. Morgan.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS.

A. D. DUNCAN.

Sermons preached.....	91
Conversions witnessed.....	46
Received into church.....	31
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Baptized.....	23
Received for services.....	\$306 00
Miles traveled, about.....	4,000
Homes visited.....	227

A. D. DUNCAN.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

Churches in charge.....	4
Sermons.....	110
Conversions.....	17
Received into church.....	20
Baptized.....	16
Received for services.....	\$125 00

J. R. ELLIOTT.

JOE GOWER.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons.....	14
Assisted at funerals.....	1
Received for services.....	\$ 55 00

JOE GOWER.

L. B. H. GREEN.

I have no churches in charge, and my work has been evangelistic.

Sermons.....	32
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MINUTES OF THE

Conversions.....	19
Marriages.....	2
Received for services.....	\$ 15 00

L. B. H. GREEN.

S. L. PATTERSON.

Conversions.....	71
Baptized.....	65
Marriages.....	2
Received for services.....	\$397 00

S. L. PATTERSON.

C. H. PICKLE AND J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge.....	4
Conversions.....	27
Baptized.....	33
Marriages.....	2
Funerals.....	4
Received for services.....	\$200 00

C. H. PICKLE ASSISTED BY J. H. OLIVER.

G. M. PRUITT.

Churches in charge.....	2
Sermons.....	95
Prayer meetings.....	4
Funerals.....	1
Conversions.....	32
Marriages.....	2
Miles traveled.....	2,400
Received for services.....	\$140 25
Received into church.....	13
Baptized.....	8

G. M. PRUITT.

W. R. CARROLL.

Sermons.....	46
Funerals.....	6
Marriages.....	5
Miles traveled.....	369
Received for services.....	\$ 31 02

W. R. CARROLL.

J. BRAKE.

I have, in some way, got a part of my report misplaced so that I can only give a partial report.

Miles traveled.....	150
Sermons.....	7
Public prayers.....	8
Prayers in homes.....	8
Conversions.....	9
Received for services.....	\$ 3 27

JORMAN BRAKE.

W. M. CASTILE.

Brethren, the Lord has wonderfully blessed me in all of my work.

Conversions	62
Baptized	24
Received into church	24
Received for services	\$ 65 70

W. M. CASTILE.

J. L. WELCH.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	124
Conversions witnessed	10
Prayer meetings conducted	34
Received into church	12
Baptized	8
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	8
Homes visited	112
Received from church	\$256 45
Received from other sources	61 90
Total received	\$318 35

J. L. WELCH.



CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES All in Tennessee	Rec'd by Experience..	Received by Letter....	Rec'd by Recommend'n	Dismissed by Letter....	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Transferred by Request	Number of Members..	Day of Meeting.....	Church Property.....	Paid Pastor.....	Paid Missionary.....	Paid for Minutes.....
Antioch	Susan Story	Vanleet	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	52		3 \$	500 \$36.90		1.00
Bethel	W. S. Nicholson	Neptune, R. 1								197		2	1,500	94.65	2.00
Bethlehem	H. J. Binkley	Ashland City, R. 1	7	1	1	1	5			296		2	1,200	10.50	2.00
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Lurton	Bumpus Mills	8							134		3	1,000		1.65
Coffor's Chapel	L. O. Burroughs	601 Church Street, Nashville	8							157	1-2-3-4	3	3,500	71.00	3.00
Cumberland Valley	L. E. Brown	Cumberland Furnace, R. 2	10	1	1	1				28		1	256.45		3.00
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	Jingo, R. 2	5				8	1		41		1	400	8.30	.75
Cross Roads	A. R. Work	Dickson, R. 5	7				2			39		2	300	.48	1.55
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Clara Manners									43		2	1,200	31.76	1.00
Greenwood	G. H. West	Pleasant View, R. 1								47		1	1,000	60.50	.40
Good Spring	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, R. 5	2				3			197		3	1,000	50.00	1.75
Heads															
Hickory Grove	Martha Anne Lovelace	Hickory Point					3			39		3			1.00
Hopewell															
Hurricane Chapel	Emma Moery	Indian Mound								77		4	1,000	15.00	1.50
Harpe's Valley	A. B. Travis	Pardue, R. 1	2							68		4	300	19.75	.50
Indian Mound															
Maple Valley															
Marrowbone	W. S. Simpson	Pardue R. 1								28		3	300		1.00
Miller's Chapel	Effie Belford	West Nashville, R. 12, Box 51								15		3	50		.50
Miller's Grove	Florence Scruggs	South Side, R. 1								51		3	500	25.20	1.10
Mt. Hermon	Mattie Simpkins	Ashland City, R. 3	1							56		2	500		.80
Mt. Pleasant	G. T. Harris	Ashland City, R. 2	1							164		3	1,500	10.00	2.00
Mt. Zion	Miss Ethlea Binkley	Joelton, R. 1	16	13	1	3	8	2		139		3	3,000	102.75	2.00
New Hope	E. L. Sensing	Charlotte, R. 2	2				2			82		2	800	60.20	.95
Oak Grove	G. O. Nichols	Thomasville, R. 1	2							203		4	1,500		1.50
Oaklawn	T. Y. Burns	Joelton, R. 3					1			61		2	1,000	30.14	1.56
Oakwood															
Olivet	J. R. Gower	Port Royal	4							50		2	1,000	55.00	1.00
Paradise Ridge															
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Lewis	Dover, R. 1								178		3	1,000	39.80	1.50
Pruitt's Chapel															
Rock Spring	W. N. Mayberry	Sobel, R. 1	5							73		1	1,000	56.60	1.70
Scott's Chapel	A. Smith	Cumberland City	22	27	4					63		1	800		2.00
Shady Grove	Mrs. Dora A. Bagwell	Woodford								63		1	400	40.00	.75
Shaw's Chapel	S. T. Garland	Model, R. 3, Box 25	1							13		4	800		.50
Smith's Grove	H. W. Abney	Indian Mound	1				1			65		2			1.00
Spring Hill	John Hurst	Goodlettsville, R. 1								41		1			
Stony Point	Mrs. Ella Lilly	Vanleet	14	2						54		3		51.50	.70
Union Hill	W. T. Casile	Bumpus Mills, R. 1	6							34		1	1,000		.25

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, 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 with one hundred members, or less, shall be entitled to two delegates; and one extra delegate for every additional 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. All subordinate churches shall be subject to the rulings of this Association.

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. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except withdrawn by consent.

7. 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.

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 recommendations from their churches composing this Association; and if found competent, to 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 to the ministry until he is able to fill the requirements of Paul's first 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.



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.

MINISTER'S REPORT.

All ministers are required to fill out a report like this and hand it to the Association next year.

Report for year ending ----- 191-----

Churches in charge -----; names of churches -----

sermons preached -----; conversions witnessed -----;

prayer meetings conducted -----; received into church -----;

baptized -----; funerals conducted -----;

marriages solemnized -----; homes visited -----; miles

traveled -----; revivals assisted in -----; revivals

held in above churches -----; received from above churches

for services \$ -----; received from other sources \$ -----;

Total received \$ -----

Condition of work spiritually and financially -----

Remarks -----

Signed ----- Pastor.

P. O. -----

State -----

County -----

Street No. -----

R. R. -----

