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OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Cumberland
Association



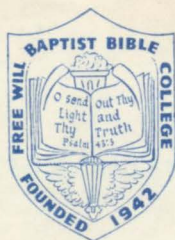
OF
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Held with
New Hope Church

CHEATHAM COUNTY, TENN.

OCTOBER 18, 19 and 20, 1916

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Pardue, Tenn.

J. H. OLIVER.....Clerk
Indian Mound, Tenn.



Church at _____
To the _____
when convened _____
We have chosen _____

FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Our statement _____
Received by _____
by recommendation _____
dismissed by _____
died _____

Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Major _____

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.

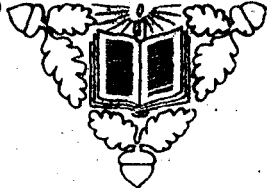
This done by order of the church _____ 191 _____

_____, Moderator.

_____, Clerk.

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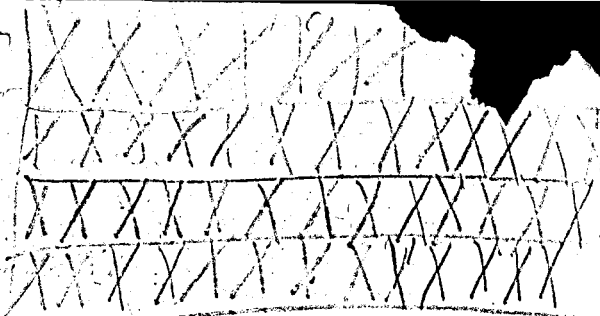
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Mary Hall



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-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

The Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptists met with New Hope Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., October 18, 1916.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. A. D. Duncan. Text: Matt. 4: 4.

Afternoon Session.

The Association convened for business at 1:00 p. m. The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan.

Roll called and quorum present.

Rev. E. F. Miles was elected Moderator and Rev. J. W. Gardner, Assistant. J. H. Oliver was elected Clerk and G. W. Fambrough, Assistant.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee of three to appoint the various committees. He appointed Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. W. M. Castile, and Bro. John Manners.

The reading of letters from the various churches was begun.

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

Reading letters from the churches was resumed and continued till we read all that were ready to report.

A motion was made and carried to the effect that each church reporting Sunday Schools be required to state the number of pupils they have enrolled.

Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

Corresponding letters from sister Associations were called for. None were received but Bro. Stone stated that there was a letter from the Stone Association, but the letter was not entirely prepared.

On motion, Bro. Stone be requested to send this letter to the Clerk and the Clerk be instructed to have it printed in our minutes.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Welch be invited to make a report with regard to the efforts which have been made to collect money to buy a printing press for this Association.

Bro. Welch made an interesting talk in which he gave a brief history of the steps which have been taken toward getting a press and Dr. Felts and others made inspiring talks with regard to the same.

The Committee on Appointment of Committees made the following report:

ON TEMPERANCE—Bro. Geo. Harris, Bro. Anderson King, and Bro. Hud Gillehan.

ON FINANCE—Bro. John Duncan, Bro. Fred Howel, and Rev. J. R. Elliott.

ON STATE OF CHURCHES—Rev. C. H. Pickle, Bro. Ed Brinton and Bro. L. O. Burrows.

ON OBITUARIES—Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. J. T. Peeler, and Bro. S. J. Cherry.

ON HOME MISSIONS—Dr. Felts, Rev. W. R. Carroll, and Bro. W. D. Morgan.

ON EDUCATION—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Dr. Felts, and Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

ON DEVOTIONS—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Bro. Cage Matthews and Bro. J. J. Felts.

ON PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—Bro. George Clemmens, Bro. G. T. Harris, and Bro. Henry Groves.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Henry Groves.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion the Rules of Decorum were read by Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Reading letters from the churches was again taken up and all read that were ready to report.

The Moderator stated that he had visited Harpeth Valley Church and that they have a good house of worship at that place but no regularly organized F. W. B. Church; and he suggested that we retain their name for another year and make an effort to get them organized.

Shaw's Chapel was verbally represented by Rev. W. M. Castile as being in good condition.

On motion the Clerk correspond with the churches which are not represented and obtain their statistics if possible.

The importance of a printing press and, also, the efforts which have been made to obtain one were ably discussed by Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

A motion was made to the effect that this Association purchase a printing press which shall be owned and controlled by this Association.

This motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion, this Association elect a board of five men as trustees to manage and superintend this business for the next twelve months or until their successors are elected.

The following brethren were elected to constitute this board: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Dr. Felts, Bro. Dick Gower, and Rev. E. F. Miles.

On motion the printing press be installed at Ashland City, Tenn.

On motion the Clerk be instructed to show in the statistical table, the amount paid by churches to their assistant pastors.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon.

House called to order by the Moderator. After singing and prayer, a motion was made and carried to the effect that we dispense of the regular order of business and go into the election of a place for our next annual sitting.

Stony Point and Heads churches were nominated and Stony Point was elected—Stony Point receiving 43 votes and Heads 26. Stony Point was then elected unanimously.

On motion we continue to meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October.

Reading letters from the churches was resumed and finished

Reports of standing committees were called for. None received.

Reports of special committees were called for and the following were received and adopted, viz: On Temperance, on Obituaries on State of Church.

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

Friday Morning.

Roll called and quorum present.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Two more church letters arrived and were received and read.

Committee on Home Missions report was received and adopted with an amendment, viz: That each church be required to pay twenty cents per member for the cause of Home Missions and all the money thus collected is to be sent to G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer, Neptune, Tenn.

On motion the Clerk of this Association be instructed to correspond with the Clerks of the various churches notifying them that the Association requires their churches to pay twenty cents per member to the fund and urging them to see that this amount is collected and paid to the Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Education was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

Friday Afternoon.

The Moderator being absent, Rev. D. T. Armstrong was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Report of the Home Missionary was received and adopted.

Report of the Home Mission Board was received and adopted.

The following letter was received from Rev. W. A. Brown:

To the Cumberland Association:

Dear Brethren—Greeting: I want to say that I expect to attend the Association this year and had made my arrangements to come, but I got into a wreck in which I was badly bruised up. This got me behind with my business so that it is impossible for me to attend our annual meeting this year. Bro. Duncan can explain all this to you. Hoping to see you next year, I am your brother,

W. A. BROWN.

This letter was received, sympathy was extended to Bro. Brown, and the Clerk was instructed to have the letter printed in the minutes.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was received and adopted.

The following resolutions were received and adopted.:

Never before has this Association been better cared for than at this annual session, and the people have so beautifully 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. 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 New Hope Church for their generous hospitality shown to this body during its present session.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks 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.

Resolved, That the deacons, stewards, secretary and treasurer of each church who have been elected by the church shall constitute the Executive Committee and that it shall be their duty to devise plans and means by which their church shall be financed and we would further recommend that this committee meet at the beginning of the pastoral year and estimate the total cost of financing their church, and then proportion this amount among the members of the church, according to their means and ability.

Resolved, 2nd, That each pastor shall call the above mentioned committee together at the beginning of his pastoral year and instruct them as to their duty and, should the said pastor fail or neglect this duty he shall be held accountable to the next Annual Presbytery.

Resolved, 3rd, That the pastor shall be the presiding officer of the above mentioned committee.

Resolved, That it be enacted by the delegates representing churches composing this, the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptists:

First—That there be a literary standard adopted for candidates for the ministry in this Association, and that all candidates for the ministry in the future be required to measure up to said standard before they shall be ordained to the full work of the ministry.

Second—That all of our ordained ministers under sixty years of age be required to do certain Bible study that shall be outlined at the present sitting of this Association by a committee to be appointed by the Moderator; and one day, at least, of our ministers', deacons' and stewards' meeting be set apart for the examination of ministers by the Moderator or by a committee of one or more whom he shall appoint; and that at the meeting of the ministers', deacons' and stewards' meeting another programme

shall be arranged and adopted so that the aforesaid Bible study shall be perpetuated indefinitely.

Resolved, That Rev. J. E. Hudgens preach the Introductory Sermon next year.

Resolved, That the deacons of each church constitute a committee to collect money with which to buy a printing press and that they forward the amount received to Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint delegates to correspond with sister Associations.

The following were appointed: Western Division of the Stone Association, Rev. J. L. Welch. Eastern Division of Stone Association, Rev. Joe Gower. General Conference of General Baptists, Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

On motion the next minister's, deacon's and stewards' meeting be held at Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., beginning on Friday, before the 5th Sunday in December, and that we invite the ministers, deacons and stewards of the Stone Associations to attend and sit in council with us.

On motion we adjourn to meet with Stony Point church, five miles west of Vanleer, Dickson County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1916.

REV. E. F. MILES, Moderator.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

NOTE.—Owing to the heavy rainfall, at the beginning of our meeting, the Devotional Committee was not able to make their report in full, as it would otherwise have been, but still we had some grand spiritual services and glorious meetings.

The devotional services were conducted by the following: Thursday at 11:00 a. m., E. W. Stone preached a very eloquent sermon, which was gratefully appreciated by the large audience present. Thursday night we were favored with two sermons by Rev. J. W. Gardner and Rev. J. E. Hudgens, respectively. On Friday at 11:00 a. m., we were entertained with a fine sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch, and Rev. J. H. Oliver preached Friday night.—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.

H. A. KING.

A. T. GILLEHAN.

Obituaries

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

Whereas God has seen fit to spare the lives of all of our ministers, we praise Him for His extended mercies; and

Whereas, it seemed good to Our Father to call unto Himself some of our lay members we humbly submit to his will and extend to their families our sympathy and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

J. T. PEELER.

S. J. CHERRY.

J. L. WELCH.

Home Missions

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report the following, to-wit:

That each preacher in this Association be a special missionary to look after the interest of all our churches.

2. We recommend that our ministers do more visiting among our lay members in the future and look after them spiritually.

3. We recommend that each church collect twenty cents per member each year for mission purposes to be used as this body sees fit in the advancement of the cause of Christ and for the salvation of lost souls.

W. E. FELTS, M. D.

REV. W. R. CARROLL.

M. H. MORGAN.

Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following:

Since our last Association the need of a school has been thought of and talked until it is clearly in the minds of our members that we expect a school for our boys and girls in which they can study our issues and doctrine and purpose themselves to go forth in a great work for the Lord. One man in our Association said he would give one thousand dollars for this fund, and we recommend that our members think more on the subject as daylight has dawned on a printing press for us and we recommend that a school follow. We verily believe that the income from a printing press will be at least one thousand dollars net per year and this alone would be a great help toward maintaining a school for us. We want to keep in mind 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 upbuilding of the Lord's mission. We can see the advancement our ministerial department is making along the educational line and also our members in general are awakening to this great cause. 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 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 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 not what we want. We furthermore recommend that our pastors, as much as possible, visit the members of their various churches and teach them in their conversations the great need of an education for our church; also teach them that an education is not attainable alone out of text book but is a life experience and observation. We further request that our licentiates put forth every effort possible to obtain a literature education and that this Association lend a helping hand to all young men and women in this request.

W. E. FELTS.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

J. E. HUDGENS.

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 home work, while some are far behind along these lines. We earnestly and prayerfully hope for the day when all of our churches shall rally to the front along these lines, and endeavor to advance the cause of Christ more in the future than they have in the past. We recommend that our ministers carefully instruct their congregations along these lines.

C. H. PICKLE.

ED. H. BRINTON.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

Sunday Schools

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report:

We desire to go on record as a Christian denomination, as believing unqualifiedly in the utility of the Sunday School as one of the most potent powers of the church. We recommend that the pastors of the various churches at the beginning of this associational year organize Sunday Schools in all churches where they have none, at present, and foster and encourage their growth and perpetuity in all churches where they have already been organized.

J. E. HUDGENS.

W. E. FELTS.

C. A. MOERY.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: Received for minutes from the various churches, \$39.24.

JOHN DUNCAN.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

F. F. HOWELL.

Received since Association: \$1.00 from Greenwood Church, \$1.00 from Marrowbone, \$1.00 from Pleasant Hill, and 56 cents from Shady Grove.—CLERK.

Report of Home Missionary

DEAR BRETHREN—The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in all my work. I have been doing all I could to build up the weak churches and I feel that my work has been a success along this line. I have done a good deal of repair work and have also been successful in securing a preacher for some of those churches which

had no pastor. I consider the work in a building condition. A condensed report of my work is as follows:

Sermons preached, about	80
Conversions witnessed	57
Miles traveled	5,000
Received from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board	\$60 00
From other sources	20 00
Total	\$80 00

Stone Association Letter

We, the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ of the Western Division of the Stone Association, while assembled with the Rocky Point Church, Putnam County, Tenn.: To the Cumberland Association when convened with the New Hope Church, Cheatham County, Tenn. Dear Brethren—We have chosen our messengers, viz: Rev. E. W. Stone and Rev. W. S. Clouse to represent us in your body. The statistics of our Association are as follows: Increased by profession 149, by letter 10, by recommendation 39, by restoration 7; our decrease, by letter 19, by exclusion 21, by death 28. Our total to date is 3,258. This was done by the voice of the ministers and delegates comprising the Association on the 12th of October, 1916.

ISAAC TODD, Moderator.

W. M. HENRY, Clerk.

Report of Treasurer

October 20, 1915; to balance	\$35 07
To sales of disciplines	1 30
To amount from J. H. Oliver	6 89
Total	\$43 31

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Board for Church Extension Fund

To balance from last report	\$120 90
To amount received from Sister Armstrong from the "Hen Campaign"	30 00
From Rock Spring	8 65
Bethel	20 00
Heads	2 30
Cofers Chapel	41 73
Oak Grove	10 00
Scott's Chapel	10 00
Dunbar's Chapel	10 00
Mt. Hermon	10 00
Miller's Chapel	2 92
Good Spring	2 90

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Olivet	10 00
Bethlehem	10 00
Maple Valley	6 15
Mt. Zion	6 90
Oakland	7 00

Total	\$309 45
Less amount paid to Home-Missionary	60 00

Balance on hand \$249 75

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY.

The Annual Presbytery convened on the 20th day of October at the close of the Association. Rev. J. L. Welch was elected Moderator and J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

On motion the Moderator appoint the Ordaining Council. The following were appointed: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Bro. R. M. Luter, Bro. G. T. Harris, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

We received an application from Bro. J. W. Clouse for the ratification of his credentials and one from Bro. J. G. Miller for ordination to the full work of the ministry. These applications were referred to the Ordaining Council and said Council recommended that the ratification and ordination of these brethren be deferred for another year.

There being no further business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the close of the Annual Association or at any time the Moderator deemed it necessary to call us together.



REV. J. L. WELCH, Moderator.

REV. 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.
Boyle, G. W.	R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Castile, W. M.	R. 1, 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.	1612 Arthur Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Elliott, J. R.	Sobel, Tenn.
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gentry, W. S.	Stonewall, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W.	East Station, R. 3, Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joe.	Adams, Tenn.
Gower, G. E.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	R. 2, Box 66, Joelton, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. M.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Hazlewood, Thomas	Jordonia, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	R. 1, Dickson, Tenn.
Hogan, A. R.	405 Sylvan Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Hudgens, G. 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.	1047 29th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. G.	R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1610 Arthur 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.
Jacobs, Ewing	R. 2, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. H.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Miller, J. G.	R. 12, Box 51, Nashville, Tenn.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES.

Antioch—J. M. Baker, A. N. Wall, Emmitt Hamilton.
 Bethel—R. M. Fambrough, W. S. Nicholson, W. J. Bobbitt, Robt.
 Herald.
 Bethlehem—T. S. Bobbitt, J. T. Eatherly, William Walker, E. W.
 Smith.

- Brandon's Chapel—S. J. Cherry, Burton Morgan, Arcie B. Cherry.
Cofer's Chapel—Sister F. J. Welch, Sister Martha Hopkins, Bro.
L. O. Boroughs, Bro. Devers, Bro. J. L. Frensley.
Cumberland Valley—M. E. Brown, A. P. Brown.
Craigfield—William H. Stimson.
Cross Roads—Will Crow, Tom Dunegan.
Dunbar's Chapel—Ed. Brinton, John Mannors.
Greenwood—Sister Hattie Dowell, Sister Ezma Covington.
Good Spring—G. H. West, John Smith.
Heads—G. W. Stack, W. B. Hayner, H. E. Murphey, Susie Grove.
Hickory Grove—Not represented.
Hopewell—Lee Bowlin, James Crotzer.
Hurricane Chapel—Not represented.
Harpeth Valley—Statement made by Rev. E. F. Miles, as shown
in minutes.
Indian Mound—H. P. Smith, C. A. Moery.
Maple Valley—Bro. Ike Spann, Sister Fronie Spann.
Marrowbone—Not represented.
Miller's Chapel—W. S. Simpson, A. D. Okain.
Miller's Grove—Geo. McGuffie, Jessie Seats.
Mt. Hermon—Willie Gant.
Mt. Pleasant—Frank Biggs, Frank Newman, C. T. Biggs, W. J.
Dever.
Mt. Zion—J. H. Read, M. J. Read, D. H. Douglass.
New Hope—Cage Matthews, W. C. Turrentine, W. J. C.
Oak Grove—A. B. Hayes, Culwell, Marion Hogue.
Oaklawn—R. W. Ellis, C. E. Murphy, Bailey Walker.
Oakland—Willie Holt, Henry Burgess.
Oakwood—W. W. Clinard, W. T. Gower, C. T. Hunter.
Olivet—Clarence Powers, J. R. Gower.
Paradise Ridge—Not represented.
Pleasant Hill—N. G. Wallace.
Pruitt's Chapel—Not represented.
Rock Springs—Miss Flora Hagewood, Bro. H. J. Groves, Dr.
W. E. Felts.
Scott's Chapel—Bro. Syd Clemments, Bro. George Clemments.
Shady Grove—Not represented.
Shaw's Chapel—Verbally represented by Rev. W. M. Castile.
Smith's Grove—P. L. Oliver, G. C. Travis.
Spring Hill—Bro. Frank Tate, Bro. John Hunt.

Stony Point—Sister Luly Lewis, Sister Clevie Lewis, Bro. J. C. Lewis.

Union Hill—H. A. King, F. F. Howell.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS.

A. D. DUNCAN.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	128
Conversions witnessed	38
Marriages solemnized	12
Funerals	18
Received into church	36
Baptized	21
Miles traveled	500
Received from Cofer's Chapel	\$228 90
From Ladies' Aid	30 00
From Mrs. G. L. Benton, presents	13 00
From other sources	24 00
Total	\$295 90

A. D. DUNCAN.

A. R. HOGAN.

Churches in charge	2
Sermons preached	25
Conversions witnessed	2
Prayer meetings	2
Received into church	2
Baptized	2
Homes visited	49
Miles traveled	674
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received for services	\$ 30 63

A. R. HOGAN.

G. M. PRUITT.

Churches in charge	2
Sermons preached	128
Conversions witnessed	32
Prayer meetings	2

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Funerals.....	8
Received into church.....	18
Baptized.....	12
Funerals.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	1
Homes visited.....	120
Miles traveled.....	2,700†
Received from my two churches.....	\$138 00
From other sources.....	62 38

Total.....\$200 38

Condition of work good.

G. M. PRUITT.

W. R. CARROLL.

Churches in charge.....	4
Sermons preached.....	71
Conversions.....	13
Received into church.....	11
Baptized.....	9
Funerals.....	8
Marriages.....	3
Miles traveled.....	1,553
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals at each church.....	1
Received from churches.....	\$171. 45
From other sources.....	9 35

Total.....\$180 80

All of my work is in better condition both spiritually and financially than it was when I took charge of it.†

W. R. CARROLL.

W. M. CASTILE.

Churches in charge.....	3
Sermons preached.....	62
Conversions witnessed.....	23
Received into church.....	19
Baptized.....	19
Funerals.....	2
Marriages.....	8
Homes visited.....	50
Miles traveled.....	900

Revivals held in my churches.....	5
Received from churches.....	\$ 69 67
From other sources.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 84 67

God has blessed me in my work and I praise His name.

W. M. CASTILE.

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge.....	3
Sermons preached.....	79
Conversions witnessed.....	42
Received into church.....	48
Marriages.....	1
Received for services.....	\$125 79

J. H. OLIVER.

JOE GOWER.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	33
Conversions.....	35
Prayer meetings.....	8
Homes visited.....	40
Revivals assisted in.....	4
Received from church.....	\$ 80 00
From other sources.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 90 00

Condition of work good.

JOE GOWER.

L. B. H. GREEN.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	35
Conversions.....	12
Received into church.....	3
Baptized.....	3
Miles traveled.....	440
Marriages.....	4
Homes visited.....	40
Received for services.....	\$ 27 52

L. B. H. GREEN.

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G. E. GOWER.

Sermons preached	12
Prayer meetings conducted	21
Homes visited	25
Miles traveled	150
Received for services	\$ 3 00

G. E. GOWER.

W. W. DAVIS.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	45
Conversions	6
Received into church	5
Miles traveled	300
Homes visited	100
Sermons preached	45
Conversions witnessed	8
Prayer meetings	37
Received into church	10
Baptized	4
Homes visited	23
Revivals assisted in	2
Condition of work good.	
Received for services	\$ 22 85

W. W. DAVIS.

J. G. MILLER.

Churches in charge	1
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J. L. WELCH.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	157
Prayer meetings conducted	2
Conversions witnessed	128
Received into church	13
Baptized	9
Marriages solemnized	3
Funerals conducted	3
Received for services from Olivet Church	\$150 00
From other sources	200 06
Total	\$350 06

J. L. WELCH.

W. T. HAGEWOOD.

Sermons preached	93
Conversions	10
Churches in charge	1
Homes visited	40
Prayers in homes	19
Prayer meetings	3
Funerals conducted	1
Received for services	\$ 40 00

W. T. Hagewood.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES All in Tennessee
Antioch	Susan Story	Vanleer
Bethel	W. S. Nicholson	Neptune, R. 1
Bethlehem	W. T. Perry	Ashland City
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Luton	Bumpus Mills
Coker's Chapel	L. O. Burroughs	1601 Church St., Nashville
Cumberland Valley	M. E. Brown	Cumberland Furnace
Craigfield	W. H. Hutson	Bon Aqua, R. 1
Cross Roads	A. R. Work	Dickson, R. 5
Dunbar a Chapel	Mrs. Clara Manners	Cumberland City, R. 1
Greenwood	Verna Rippy	Cross Plains
Good Spring	G. H. West	Pleasant View, R. 1
Heads	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, R. 5
Hickory Grove	Martha Anne Lovelace	Hickory Point
Hopewell		
Hurricane Chapel		
Harpet Valley		
Indian Mound	Mrs. Emma Moery	Indian Mound
Maple Valley	A. B. Davis	Pardue, R. 1
Miller's Chapel	W. E. Davis	Ashland City
Miller's Grove	W. S. Simpson	Pardue, R. 1
Mt. Hermon	Mrs. C. H. Foster	Southside, R. 1
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Florence Struggs	Ashland City, R. 3
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Simpkins	Ashland City, R. 2
New Hope	C. T. Harris	Indian Mound
Oak Grove	Miss Ethela Binkley	Indian Mound
Oakland	E. T. Searles	Indian Mound
Oakway	C. O. Nichols	Indian Mound
Oakwood	Sarah Dickinson	Indian Mound
Olivet	R. M. Luter	Indian Mound
Paradise Ridge	J. R. Gower	Indian Mound
Pleasant Hill	Edie Wallace	Indian Mound
Pruitt's Chapel	W. N. Mayberry	Indian Mound
Rock Spring	Mrs. Dicy Horn	Indian Mound
Scott's Chapel		Indian Mound
Shady Grove		Indian Mound
Shaw's Chapel		Indian Mound
Smith's Grove	H. W. Anbey	Indian Mound, R. 1
Spring Hill	T. H. Hurst	Goodlettsville, R. 1
Stony Point	Ella Lilly	Vanleer
Union Hill	W. T. Castle	Bumpus Mills, R. 1

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 that 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 into 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 assistants 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 majoruity 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.



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_____; mile;

traveled_____; revivals assisted in_____; revival;

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. L. _____

State _____

County _____

Street No. _____

R. R. _____

