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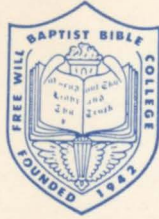
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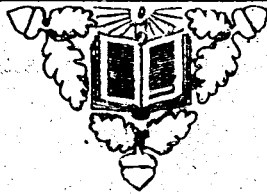
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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.

NOTE.—I prepared the manuscript for the Minutes and gave it to the printer early in November, but the severe winter has impeded the work of printing, hence the delay.—CLERK.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptists met with Stony Point Church, Dickson County, Tenn., October 24, 1917, and organized as follows:

Rev. D. T. Armstrong was elected Moderator, and W. W. Davis, assistant.

Rev. J. H. Oliver was chosen Clerk, and W. B. Hayneline, assistant.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. J. H. Oliver, Text: Matt. 21:22.

Afternoon Session.

The Association convened for business at 1:30 p. m. House called to order by the Moderator. Roll called and quorum present.

On motion we dispense with the regular order of business and the Moderator appoint a committee to appoint the various committees.

He appointed Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. W. R. Carroll, and Rev. J. W. Gardner.

Reading letters from the various Churches was begun.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the Moderator appointed a committee to ascertain whether or not the letters from Dunbar's Chapel and Scott's Chapel were correct, a statement having been made by Bro. John Duncan that a mistake had been made.

Bro. W. B. Hayneline and Bro. J. O. Clemmens were appointed to investigate this matter.

The committee on the appointment of committees reported as follows:

DEVOTIONS—Rev. J. W. Gardner, Rev. A. D. Duncan, and Bro. Willis Lewis.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. G. T. Harris, and Rev. G. H. Pickle.

FINANCE—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Rev. J. H. Oliver, and Rev. W. R. Carroll.

STATE OF CHURCHES—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Bro. W. T. Perry, and Bro. W. B. Hayneline.

We recommend that this committee be made permanent.

OBITUARIES—Rev. J. N. Horner, Bro. George Meyer, and Bro. Wesley Waynack.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. W. Gardner, and Bro. Joe Felts.

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EDUCATION—Bro. G. T. Harris, Bro. George Walker, and Bro. A. R. Work.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—Rev. J. R. Elliott, Bro. R. M. Fambrough, and Bro. Billie Walker.

This report was received and adopted.

Reading letters from the Churches was resumed and all were read that were ready to report.

On motion the Clerk be instructed to subtract from the list of delegates the names last mentioned, as such, in the letters reporting more delegates than the number of members in their churches entitle them to.

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

Corresponding letters were called for and Rev. J. L. Welch stated that one was being prepared for us from the Western Division of the Stone Association, and said that he would try to obtain it and forward it to the Clerk. On motion the Clerk was instructed to receive this letter and have it printed in our minutes.

NOTE... Was unable to obtain this letter.—CLERK.

Rev. J. L. Welch was appointed to represent us in a Freewill Baptist conference which is to meet at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and the Association is to pay his expenses to and from this conference.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

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

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Some church letters which failed to arrive yesterday were received and read.

Standing committees were called for. None received.

Special committees were called for. The committees which was appointed to investigate the letters from Dunbar's Chapel and Scott's Chapel recommend that the matter be referred to these churches.

On motion we recommend Rev. Joe Gower to the Hon. Secretary of War for a Chaplaincy in the United States Army.

On motion Article 12 in the Government and Constitution be changed. The revision of said Article was formulated as will be seen by referring to the Government and Constitution:

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to draw up a code of laws by which this Association shall be governed:

Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. H. Oliver, and Rev. J. E. Hudgins were appointed to draw up these laws.

Report of Committee on Devotions was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon.

House called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Thomas Gower.

Reading letters from the Churches was resumed and finished.

On motion we suspend the regular order of business and invite Rev. W. A. Reynolds, of the M. E. Church, and also Rev. W. R. Rollins, and Sister Onie Cantrell of the United Brethren to sit in council with us. A very cordial welcome was extended by Rev. J. L. Welch in behalf of the Association to these distinguished visitors.

Report of Committee on Education received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries received and adopted.

Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board received and adopted.

Report of the Treasurer of the Association received and adopted.

On motion the preachers meet tomorrow at 8:00 a. m. for a special conference.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and we were royally entertained with eloquent addresses by Rev. W. A. Reynolds, Rev. W. H. Rollins and Sister Onie Cantrell, respectively. The great spiritual rejoicing which followed Sister Cantrell's address can never be fully described till we get to Heaven. It certainly was "good to be there."

On motion Article 1 of the Government and Constitution be changed and made to read as follows: "Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one vote and each church having more than fifty members shall have one vote for the first fifty and one vote for every additional fifty or fraction thereof. These votes shall be cast by one delegate from each of the various Churches and this delegate shall be duly elected by the Churches to cast their votes. A roll call shall be made on all important questions when desired."

On motion we go into the election of a place for our next annual sitting. Two places were nominated, viz: Heads Church and Scott's Chapel. Heads was elected.

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

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The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas this delegated body has been so bountifully cared for by the members of Stony Point Church and the good people of other denominations:

Resolved, therefore, That we tender a vote of thanks to the people of this community for their unbounded hospitality.

On motion the Home Mission Board was ordered to contribute twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to help buy a buggy for Bro. Pickle.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Rollins.

On motion the Moderator appoint delegates to correspond with other Associations. He appointed:

J. H. Oliver, to correspond with Cape Fear Conference, Ayden, N. C.

Mt. Union Association of General Baptists—Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Western Division of the Stone Association—Rev. A. D. Duncan.

Eastern Division of Stone Association—Rev. W. S. Gentry.

Tennessee River Association of Freewill Baptists—Rev. W. W. Davis.

Rev. W. B. Davenport was appointed to correspond with an Association of Freewill Baptists in Texas.

On motion we set Thursday afternoon for hearing reports of committees.

On motion the Moderator formulate a report for the Committee on Temperance.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to revise our ministerial list and report to the Presbytery. He appointed: Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. J. R. Elliott, and Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Report of Committee on Home Missions was received and adopted.

Rev. W. S. Gentry was elected Home Missionary for the ensuing year.

On motion we set the salary of Bro. Gentry at three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, and Rev. W. S. Gentry was chosen as his alternate.

Rev. A. D. Duncan was chosen to preach the Memorial Sermon next year.

Adjourned to meet at Heads Church, Robertson County, Tenn., five miles south of Adams Station, on Wednesday before

the fourth Sunday in October, 1918, organize at 10:00 a. m., have the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 a. m., and meet for business at 1:00 p. m.

D. T. ARMSTRONG, Moderator.
J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Obituaries

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

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. N. HORNER.
GEORGE MEYER.
WESLEY WAYNACK.

Devotions

We your Committee on Devotions make the following report:

Thursday, at 11:00 a. m., Rev. J. L. Welch, followed by Rev. C. H. Pickle.

Thursday night, Rev. W. S. Gentry, followed by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Friday, at 11:00 a. m., Rev. W. B. Davenport, followed by Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Friday night, Rev. S. L. Patterson, followed by Rev. L. B. H. Green.

J. W. GARDNER.
A. D. DUNCAN.
W. L. LEWIS.

Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following:

Since we have no school and no medium of exchanging ideas nor advertising our cause except through individuals, and seeing the need of an advertising medium through which we might discuss the subjects that are so vital to the well being of our cause, we hereby recommend and insist that all our preachers write at least one letter each per month to the F. W. B. Messenger, telling of what they are doing and how they are doing it, and any other matter that he deems good for the well being of our cause. We also recommend that the pastor of each church urge his people to subscribe to the F. W. B. Messenger. We further recommend that each preacher study God's word in a systematic way, and that they thoroughly acquaint themselves with the teaching

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thereof that they might be able to do all things according to the teaching of God's word.

We also hope to have a school some day whereby our young men may be educated, and we hereby urge that our people strive mightily to that end.

G. T. HARRIS.

A. R. WORK.

G. W. WALKER.

Petitions and Requests

We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests, would recommend that the petition of Poplar Flat Church be laid over until next Association and further recommend that they build a house and see whether or not it is self-supporting.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

R. M. FAMBROUGH.

W. M. WALKER.

Temperance

Resolved, That we commend the action of the United States Congress in the action taken in passing:

1st. A law prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors in District of Columbia.

2nd. A law forbidding the U. S. mails to carry liquor circulars and advertisements or any paper that advertises same.

3rd. A law prohibiting the shipments of liquor thru Interstate Commerce.

We also recommend their action in submitting to the States the Constitutional Amendment to prohibit the manufacture, sale, exportation and transportation of intoxicants which we hope our own beloved State will ratify as soon as the Legislature convenes again.

We also commend our President and Congress in their action taken during the present crisis and hope they will make their action permanent after said crises pass.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Home Missions

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

Whereas we have no Home Missionary in the field, we recommend that this Association select and elect a man for the Home Missionary work for this Associational year; and that he devote his entire time, if possible, to this cause, and that this Association set a salary at this sitting and pay him quarterly for his services. We further recommend that the Home Mission Board look after his work and give an order on the treasury for his salary quarterly.

J. W. GARDNER.

A. D. DUNCAN.

W. R. CARROLL.

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Finance

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

Received from the various churches for minutes \$35.80. We recommend that the Clerk of this Association have charge of this fund and that he superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes, and that he be paid \$10.00 for his services. We recommend that the Clerk send five copies of the minutes to each of the churches which failed to send minute money, if he can obtain their addresses.

W. R. CARROLL.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

J. H. OLIVER.

NOTE.—I have received since the Association, \$1.00 from Marrowbone Church, \$1.00 from Pleasant Hill, and 90 cents from Indian Mound.—CLERK.

Report of Treasurer

Balance from last report.....	\$43 31
To amount sales Disciplines.....	1 05

Balance.....	\$44 36
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G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treas.

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission and Church Extension Fund

To amount to balance from last report.....	\$249 95
Received from Bethlehem.....	9 65
Heads.....	19 05
Bethel.....	25 00
Oak Grove.....	8 61
Cumberland Valley.....	1 80
Cofer's Chapel.....	60 35
Shady Grove.....	1 68
Mt. Zion.....	4 75
New Hope.....	5 00
Good Spring.....	3 40
Oakwood.....	1 80
Craigfield.....	2 90
Dunbar's Chapel.....	7 25
Mt. Hermon.....	3 75
Miller's Chapel.....	3 40
Olivet.....	13 00
Greenwood.....	6 80
Total.....	\$428 14

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Report of Ladies Aid Societies

OAKLAWN.

Our Ladies Aid Society at Oaklawn is getting along nicely. We are having a door put in the back of the church house. We have about \$20.00 in the treasury. Pray that our Aid may grow.

MRS. ELLA ARMSTRONG, President.

MRS. NORA WALKER, Secretary.

MRS. W. WALKER, Treasurer.

ROCK SPRING.

Amount in Treasury-----\$73 77

MRS. WILL JONES, President.

COFER'S CHAPEL.

To the Cumberland Association, Freewill Baptist. Report of Ladies Aid Society of Cofer's Chapel:

Officers—President, Mrs. Ed Parker; Vice-President, Mrs. L. T. Vick; Secretary, Mrs. W. M. White; Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Hood.

Balance on hand October 4, 1916-----\$ 42 89

Dues collected this year-----74 51

\$117 40

Paid out this year-----94 68

Balance-----\$ 22 72

Nine quilts on hand-----27 00

Total-----\$ 49 72

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ERGAR PARKER, President.

MRS. W. M. WHITE, Secretary.

NOTE.—We have Ladies Aid Societies at other churches doing good work, but I am not in possession of their written reports.—CLERK.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery convened on the 26th day of October at the close of the Association. Rev. W. W. Davis was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

On motion the Moderator appoint the Ordaining Council. He appointed Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. J. W. Gardner, Rev. W. S. Gentry, Rev. J. R. Elliott, and Bro. W. J. Lewis.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

Afternoon Session

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Carroll. The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

We, your Ordaining Council, recommend the ratification of the credentials of J. W. Clouse. We also recommend Bro. Davenport for ordination to the full work of the ministry; and also Bro. Ewing Jacobs. We further recommend that Bro. W. H. Sullivan and Bro. J. G. Miller be required to devote themselves to the study of the Bible for another year. COUNCIL.

It was stated that Bro. Clouse had been preaching the "second work of grace," and that part of the report relating to him was, therefore, rejected and the Moderator appointed the following brethren to investigate his case, viz: Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. J. W. Gardner.

On motion, the remainder of the report be received and the Council discharged.

The report was adopted and the following committee was appointed to investigate the standing of Rev. S. A. Myatt, viz: Bro. J. W. Baker, Bro. W. J. Lewis, and Rev. J. W. Gardner.

The Presbytery then proceeded to ordain Revs. W. B. Davenport and Ewing Jacobs. The charge was read by Rev. J. L. Welch in a very impressive manner, after which these two brethren were duly ordained by prayer and laying on of hands. The ordination was followed by a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit and great rejoicing.

On motion, this Presbytery organize for business at the beginning of the Association next year.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to write credentials for Rev. W. B. Davenport and Rev. Ewing Jacobs.

It had been rumored that Bro. Gentry had been preaching the "second work of grace," but he made a statement in regard to this and said that he only preached a pure life of consecration to God; whereupon he was commended by the Presbytery.

On motion we continue to recognize Rev. L. B. H. Green as a member in good standing of Mt. Zion Church.

There being no further business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the beginning of the next Annual Association.

W. W. DAVIS, 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.

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Castile, W. M.	R. 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	R. 1, Box 19, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Davis, W. W.	R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Duncan, A. D.	1012 Cheatham St., Nashville, Tenn.
Elliott, J. R.	R. 2, Charlotte, Tenn.
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gentry, W. S.	Stonewall, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W.	R. 3, East Station, Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph F.	114th Field Artillery, Greenville, S. C.
Gower, G. E.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	R. 2, Box 66, Joelton, Tenn.
Hagewood, Wm.	R. 1, Sobel, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	R. 1, Dickson, Tenn.
Hogan, A. R.	Woodford, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Jacobs, Ewing	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Miles, E. F.	Pardue, 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.
Sullivan, W. H.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Miller, J. G.	R. 12, Box 51, Nashville, Tenn.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Antioch—A. N. Wall.
 Bethel—J. E. Barton, W. S. Nicholson, R. M. Fambrough, J. R. Perry.
 Bethlehem—William Walker, E. W. Smith, W. H. Perry, A. E. Simmons.
 Brandon's Chapel—G. F. Heyer, E. L. Wall, A. B. Cherry.
 Cofer's Chapel—Bro. John Frenesley, Sister F. J. Welch.
 Cumberland Valley—J. D. Brown.
 Craighfield—Will Sullivan, Wm. Henry Stimson.
 Cross Roads—Walter Murrell, Andrew Myatt.
 Dunbar's Chapel—W. B. Haneline, Calvin Richardson.
 Greenwood—Not represented.
 Good Spring—H. M. Davis, G. H. West.

Greenwood—Sister Hattie Dowell, Sister Ezma Covington.
 Heads—H. E. Murphy, G. W. Hyde, J. T. Gower, Miss Lela Hyde.
 Hickory Grove—Not represented.
 Hopewell—Not represented.
 Hurricane Chapel—Represented by letter.
 Harpeth Valley—Not represented.
 Indian Mound—Verbally represented by J. H. Oliver.
 Maple Valley—A. B. Travis, Sallie Travis.
 Marrowbone—Represented by letter.
 Miller's Chapel—J. R. Mayfield, W. T. Simpson.
 Miller's Grove—D. M. Miller, Jandy Wright.
 Mt. Hermon—Willie Gant, R. V. McCurdy.
 Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
 Mt. Zion—D. H. Douglas, Bertha Harris.
 New Hope—W. J. Caldwell.
 Oak Grove—J. L. Hayes, E. L. Sensing.
 Oaklawn—C. E. Murphy, G. W. Walker, Sister Ella Armstrong.
 Oakland—Sarah Dickerson, George Carney.
 Shaw's Chapel—Not represented.
 Smith's Grove—P. L. Oliver.
 Spring Hill—Represented by letter.
 Stony Point—Eula Finch, Mollie Waynack.
 Union Hill—Not represented.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

A. D. DUNCAN.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	187
Conversions witnessed.....	33
Miles traveled.....	1,00
Baptized.....	17
Marriages solemnized.....	21
Funerals preached.....	32
Received for services.....	\$561 00

A. D. DUNCAN.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Churches in charge.....	4
Sermons preached.....	204
Conversions witnessed.....	3
Prayer meetings conducted.....	107
Received into church.....	2
Baptized.....	1
Funerals.....	2
Homes visited.....	160
Revivals assisted in.....	3
Revivals held in above churches.....	4

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Received from above churches.....	\$293 75
Received from other sources.....	26 70

Total received.....	\$320 45
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Condition of work spiritually and financially, very good.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

J. W. GARDNER.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	47
Exhortations.....	
Homes visited.....	1,30
Miles traveled.....	
Received from above church.....	\$ 31 65

Condition of work fairly good.

J. W. GARDNER.

S. L. PATTERSON.

I have no churches in charge, but have had two regular school house appointments. The Lord has wonderfully blessed my labors. I have organized one new church and they have called me to preach for them next year. I ask the prayers of all God's people.

S. L. PATTERSON.

L. B. H. GREEN.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	33
Conversions witnessed.....	8
Baptized.....	8
Received into church.....	8
Homes visited.....	40
Prayers in homes.....	20
Miles traveled.....	450
Revivals conducted.....	2
Marriages.....	1
Received for services.....	\$ 19 00

Condition of work good.

L. B. H. GREEN.

W. R. CARROLL.

Churches in charge.....	4
Sermons preached.....	90
Conversions witnessed.....	2
Baptized.....	1
Funerals.....	5
Marriages.....	4
Homes visited.....	48
Miles traveled.....	1,553
Revivals in above churches.....	5
Received from churches.....	\$218 65
From other sources.....	7 13

Total.....	\$225 78
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W. R. CARROLL.

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JOSEPH F. GOWER.

Sermons.....	25
Conversions.....	30
Marriages.....	3
Prayer meetings.....	15
Received for services and to pay schooling expenses.....	\$ 90 00

JOSEPH F. GOWER.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Churches in charge.....	2
Sermons preached.....	58
Conversions.....	17
Revivals.....	4
Revivals assisted in.....	3
Homes visited.....	143
Prayers in homes.....	45
Funerals.....	4
Miles traveled.....	800
Received for services at Good Spring.....	\$ 40 24
Oakwood.....	20 55
Other sources.....	19 80

Total.....\$ 80 59

Condition of work good.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

J. G. MILLER.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	45
Conversions.....	13
Prayer meetings.....	37
Homes visited.....	21
Revivals held.....	2
Received for services.....	\$ 9 50

J. G. MILLER.

J. W. CLOUSE.

Sermons preached.....	150
Conversions.....	15
Baptized.....	9
Funerals.....	3
Marriages.....	8
Homes visited.....	75
Miles traveled.....	150
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Received for services.....	\$ 13 00

J. W. CLOUSE.

W. S. GENTRY.

My work has been on the evangelistic line this year and the Lord has wonderfully blessed my efforts for good. Praise His dear name forever!

Sermons preached.....123

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Conversions witnessed.....	75
Prayer meetings.....	1
Baptized.....	29
Funerals.....	5
Homes visited.....	110
Received for services.....	\$272 02

W. S. GENTRY.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

Churches in charge.....	3
Sermons.....	72
Conversions.....	11
Prayer meetings.....	5
Received into church.....	10
Baptized.....	5
Funerals.....	6
Miles traveled.....	1,000
Revivals in churches.....	3
Received for services.....	\$100 30

J. R. ELLIOTT.

WILLIAM HAGEWOOD.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	35
Conversions witnessed.....	2
Received into church.....	1
Baptized.....	1
Homes visited.....	60
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals in above church.....	1
Received from above church.....	\$ 6 00
Received from other sources.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 16 00

Condition of work good.

WILLIAM HAGEWOOD.

W. W. DAVIS.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	45
Conversions witnessed.....	10
Prayer meetings.....	5
Received into church.....	31
Baptized.....	30
Funerals.....	1
Marriages.....	1
Homes visited.....	200
Miles traveled.....	1,500
Revivals assisted in.....	3
Revivals in above church.....	2
Received from above church.....	\$ 31 50

Received from other sources..... 10 00

Total.....\$ 41 50

W. W. DAVIS.

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge..... 1
 Sermons preached..... 73
 Conversions witnessed..... 30
 Received into church..... 10
 Marriages..... 2
 Funerals..... 3
 Baptized..... 11
 Received for services.....\$ 95 42

J. H. OLIVER.

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 shall be entitled to one vote; and each church having more than fifty members shall have one vote for the first fifty, and one vote for every additional fifty members or fraction thereof. These votes shall be cast by one delegate from each of the various churches and this delegate shall be duly elected by the church to cast these votes. A roll call shall be made on all important questions when desired.

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 minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of faith.

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.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES All in Tennessee
Antioch.....	Susan Story.....	Vanleer.....
Bethel.....	W. S. Nicholson.....	Ner tune.....
Bethlehem.....	W. T. Perry.....	Ashland City.....
Brandon's Chapel.....	W. P. Luton.....	Burpus Mills.....
Cofor's Chapel.....	Martha Hopkins.....	Nashville.....
Cumberland Valley.....	M. E. Lyell.....	140 1-2-3-4
Craigfield.....	W. H. Sinson.....	34 1
Cross Roads.....	A. R. Work.....	Bon Aqua, R. 1.....
Dunbar's Chapel.....	Mrs. Clara Manners.....	Dickson, R. 5.....
Goodwood.....	V. E. Rippy.....	Cumberland City, R. 1.....
Green Spring.....	G. H. West.....	Cross Plains.....
Heads.....	G. E. Gower.....	Pleasant View, R. 1.....
Hickory Grove.....	Martha Anne Lovelace.....	Cedar Hill, R. 5.....
Hopewell.....	Martha Anne Lovelace.....	Hickory Point.....
Hurricane Chapel.....	A. J. Burgess.....	McEwen.....
Harpheth Valley.....	Mrs. Emma Moery.....	Indian Mound.....
Maple Valley.....	A. B. Travis.....	Pardue, R. 1.....
Marrowbone.....	W. E. Davis.....	Ashland City.....
Miller's Chapel.....	W. S. Simpson.....	Pardue, R. 1.....
Miller's Grove.....	Lillian Foster.....	Nashville.....
Mt. Hermon.....	Sallie G. Cant.....	Cunningham, R. 1, Box 46.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	G. T. Harris.....	Ashland City, R. 2.....
Mt. Zion.....	Miss Ben Hicks.....	Jackson, R. 1.....
New Hope.....	E. L. Senseng.....	Charlotte.....
Oak Grove.....	G. O. Nicholds.....	Thomasville, R. 1.....
Oakplain.....	Sarah Dickerson.....	Jackson, R. 3.....
Oakland.....	R. M. Luter.....	Cedar Hill, R. 5.....
Oakwood.....	J. R. Gower.....	Port Royal.....
Olivet.....	Paradise Ridge.....	1
Pleasant Hill.....	Pleasant Hill.....	1
Pruitt's Chapel.....	Rock Spring.....	1
Rock Spring.....	Mrs. Mayberry.....	1
Scott's Chapel.....	Mrs. Dey Horn.....	1
Shady Grove.....	Dora A. Bagwell.....	1
Shaw's Chapel.....	H. W. Abney.....	1
Smith's Grove.....	Frank Tate.....	1
Springs Hill.....	Elia Lilly.....	1
Story Point.....	Union Hill.....	1

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

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Signed, Pastor.

P. O.

State

County

Street No.

R. R.

