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FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

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

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

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

Our statistics are as follows:

Received by experience-----; by letter-----;

by recommendation-----; by restoration-----;

dismissed by letter-----; excluded-----;

died-----; total number in fellowship-----;

church property valued at \$-----; our day of

meeting is-----; our pastor is

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

to pastor us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Super-
intendent'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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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-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Seventy-Fifth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptists met with Heads Church, Robertson County, Tenn., October 23, 1918, and organized as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Moderator and Rev. D. T. Armstrong was chosen assistant.

Rev. J. H. Oliver was re-elected Clerk.

On motion, we adjourned for a few minutes to organize the Presbytery.

After the organization of the Presbytery the Association convened and set the hours for business as follows: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at 11:30 a. m. Meet at 1:00 p. m., and adjourn at the pleasure of the body.

We then adjourned to meet at 1:00 p. m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. J. L. Welch. Text—Ps. 78:41. Subject—"Limitations of God's Power."

Wednesday Afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. A. D. Duncan.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a committee to appoint the various committees.

He appointed Rev. G. E. Gower, Rev. W. B. Davenport and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Reading letters from the various churches was begun and all read that were ready to report.

On motion we dispense with the regular order of business and invite Bro. Casto Stone of the Stone Association to sit in council with us.

Petitionary letters were called for and one received from Coopertown Church asking for admission into our body.

On motion this letter be received and handed to the Committee on Petitions and Requests.

The Committee on Appointment of Committees reported as follows:

DEVOTIONS—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. G. E. Gower and Bro. Henry Davis.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Bro. J. W. D. Hagewood.

FINANCE—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Rev. J. H. Oliver and Bro. M. Hogue.

MINUTES OF THE

STATE OF CHURCHES—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Rev. Ewing Jacobs, Bro. J. W. D. Hagewood and Rev. E. F. Miles.

OBITUARIES—Bro. G. W. Stack, Bro. G. T. Harris, and Bro. C. T. Hunter.

HOME MISSIONS—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

EDUCATION—Bro. Willie Walker, Rev. W. W. Davis and Bro. G. T. Harris.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—Rev. E. F. Miles, Bro. J. R. Perry and Rev. C. H. Pickle.

This report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Devotions reported as follows: Rev. E. F. Miles preach Wednesday night and Rev. A. D. Duncan, Thursday at 11:00 a. m.

Corresponding letters from other Associations were called for and one received from the Western Division of the Stone Association.

On motion this letter be received and printed in our minutes.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

The Moderator being absent the Assistant Moderator presided. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Gower.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion the Assistant Moderator be released from the Committees on Finance and State of Churches.

Sister Mary Welch was appointed on the Finance Committee, and Rev. J. L. Welch on State of Churches.

Standing committees were called for.

The committee appointed last year to draw up a code of laws for the Association was not ready to report.

On motion this committee be continued till our next annual meeting.

This committee is composed of Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

As there had been no committee appointed on Sunday Schools, the Moderator appointed Rev. G. E. Gower, Rev. Frank Simpkins and Bro. John Gower to serve on this committee.

On motion the Moderator appoint a Committee on Resolutions.

He appointed Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Sister Mary Welch and Bro. Casto Stone.

Committees on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, and on Home Missions reported, and their reports were received and adopted.

On motion the Finance report which is printed in the minutes of 1916 be made permanent and appear in the minutes in the future from year to year.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Thursday Evening.

Minutes read and approved.

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

Report of Treasurer of the Association received and adopted.

On motion, we write a petitionary letter to the General Association asking for admission into their body; also that Rev. J. L. Welch be appointed to bear this letter and that his expenses be paid from the treasury.

Committee on Petitions and Requests reported that we defer the reception of Coopertown Church because the delegates were not present. Report was received and adopted.

On motion we go into the selection of a place for our next annual meeting.

Scott's Chapel and Bethel were nominated. Bethel was elected.

Committees on Obituaries and Finance, respectively, were received and adopted.

On motion the names of Harpeth Valley, Paradise Ridge and Hickory Grove be erased from our list of churches.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate the sale of Hopewell Church property.

He appointed Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. G. W. Fambrough and Bro. W. S. Nitjholson, and they were also instructed to investigate the condition of some more church property known as Rose Valley.

On motion the Moderator appoint corresponding delegates to the sister Associations. They were appointed as follows:

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

Eastern Division of Stone Association—Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Mt. Union Association of General Baptists—Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Cape Fear Conference of Ayden, N. C.—Rev. J. L. Welch.

Tennessee River Association—Rev. G. E. Gower.

General Association of General Baptists—Bro. John Gower.

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

Rev. A. D. Duncan was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon next year; and Rev. J. E. Hudgens to preach the Memorial Sermon.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1919.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Resolution

We, the Cumberland Association when convened with Heads Church, Robertson County, have drawn up the following resolution:

Resolved, That we most certainly appreciate the kindness and hospitality shown us while in the different homes, and may the Lord confer His richest blessings on each family who have so generously responded to the needs and entertainment of the delegates of the different churches. Especially under such difficult and trying circumstances.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed twenty dollars (\$20) for his services.

Whereas the Western Division of the Stone Association has honored us with their representative, namely, Bro. W. C. Stone, accompanied with letter from their Association, we tender a vote of thanks to Bro. Stone for his valued assistance during our session and to the Stone Association for the services rendered.

Whereas we have missionaries in the foreign field representing our cause, we most earnestly urge upon our ministers to do their utmost in the advancement of this great cause and see that a foreign missionary spirit is stimulated in their churches; and we respectfully recommend that a foreign missionary committee be appointed to look after this interest, such committee to be composed of Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

W. C. STONE.

MRS. J. L. WELCH.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association be authorized to refer to the last year's minute and take the table of statistics and get our full strength and publish it, as there is eight or ten churches not represented.

(NOTE—This resolution was drawn up by Rev. E. F. Miles.)

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, have received forty-seven dollars and ninety cents (\$47.90) from the various churches for printing minutes.

SISTER MARY WELCH.

J. H. OLIVER.

M. HOGUE.

NOTE.— have received since the Association, \$1.15 from Shady Grove Church.—CLERK.

Temperance

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

Resolved, That we commend the action of the United States Congress taken in passing a law prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and urge our people to uphold its action, and to abstain totally from the use of intoxicating liquors in every way, even as a beverage.

We also urge our Sunday School teachers to set forth the evil effects of liquor to their pupils.

A. D. DUNCAN.

J. W. D. HAGEWOOD.

J. E. HUDGENS.

Obituaries

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

Whereas it has seemed good to our Father to call unto Himself one of our ordained ministers, viz., Rev. J. A. Sullivan, we humbly submit to His will and extend to his family and relatives our sympathy and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

We also learn that many of our lay members, some in France and some at home, have been called to their reward, and we humbly submit to God's will and extend to their families our sympathy.

G. W. STACK.

A. D. DUNCAN.

G. E. GOWER.

Education

We, your Committee on Education, recommend the following:

Since we have no theological school in the bounds of our Association for the training of young ministers, we hereby

recommend the F. W. B. Messenger for the purpose of discussing and enlightening the ministers and lay members of our Association. We further recommend that all of our preachers, especially the young ministers, study God's word in a systematic way and that they thoroughly acquaint themselves with the teaching thereof. And for the purpose of encouraging the weaker churches in the bounds of our Association we hereby insist on all pastors to visit and preach to them as they have time and opportunity.

W. W. DAVIS.

WILLIE WALKER.

G. T. HARRIS.

Sunday Schools

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, recommend the following:

That the pastors in every church, in connection with the laity of each church, make a united effort to establish Sunday Schools in every church; and realizing that the Sunday Schools are very essential to the church, we therefore endorse every encouragement for the increase of this great enterprise.

G. E. GOWER.

F. M. SIMPKINS.

J. R. GOWER.

Home Missions

We recommend that the Home Mission Board be empowered to appoint one or more missionaries who shall be under the supervision of the Home Mission Board and shall labor wherever they may be directed by the Board, and pay the missionaries such amounts as their labors may demand.

We further recommend that each church have a special missionary day during the month of January for the Home Mission work and that each pastor see that these meetings are held and urge the collection of the assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WELCH.

J. H. OLIVER.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Resolution of 1916

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.

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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.

Report of Treasurer of Association

Amount from last year	\$44 36
To sales of Disciplines	95
Total	\$45 31

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Board

To amount from last report	\$428 94
October 12, 1918, Received from	
Bethel Church	40 00
Oak Grove	5 20
Mt. Hermon	5 25
Scott's Chapel	4 25
Dunbar's Chapel	10 00
Maple Valley	1 75
Good Spring	1 00
Mt. Zion	5 00
New Hope	10 00
Heads	3 25
Oakwood	2 20
Miller's Grove	1 00
Total	\$517 84

Disbursements of the Home Mission Board:

October 26, 1917, paid Bro. Pickle	\$ 25 00
Paid Bro. W. S. Gentry, the Home Missionary, to	
June 30, 1918	204 17
Total	\$229 17
Total Receipts	\$517 84
Disbursements	229 17
Balance	\$288 67

Report of Ladies' Aid Societies

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We have \$100 in the treasury and are getting along nicely with our Society.

MISS ELSIE MURPHY, Pres.

MRS. MARY HARRY, Treas.

MISS LELA HYDE, Sec'y.

MINUTES OF THE

OAKLAWN.

We, the Ladies' Aid Society of Oaklawn Church, submit the following report:

We have not grown as much this year as we would have liked, but we have on hand in the treasury \$7.35 after doing some repair work on the church house. We hope to prosper next year and do more work than we have been doing in the past and we ask the prayers of all Christians to this end.

MRS. ELLA ARMSTRONG, Pres.

MRS. NORA WALKER, Sec'y.

MRS. W. WALKER, Treas.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery convened on October 23rd at the beginning of the Association.

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

On motion the Moderator appoint the Ordaining Council. He appointed Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. C. H. Pickle, Rev. W. W. Davis, Rev. D. T. Armstrong, and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Thursday Afternoon, October 24th

The Presbytery was called together by the Moderator.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

We have received petitions for the ordination of Bro. F. A. Hembree, Bro. Frank Simpkins, and Bro. J. G. Miller.

We recommend that the ordination of these brethren be deferred for another year and that they be required to study the Bible very diligently and especially to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the doctrine of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion Bro. S. L. Patterson be excluded for contempt.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate the character of Rev. G. W. Boyte and the doctrine which he preaches.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. W. Davis and Rev. C. H. Pickle.

Adjourned to meet at the close of the next annual Association or when the Moderator see it necessary to call us together.

REV. A. D. DUNCAN, Moderator.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

STONE ASSOCIATION LETTER

We the Western Division of Stone Association of Freewill Baptist Church, while assembled with the Caney Fork Church, Putnam County, Tenn., to the Cumberland Association, when convened with Heads Church, Robertson County, Tenn.: Dear Brethren—We have chosen as our messenger Casto Stone to represent us in your body, whom we pray you receive. We are unable to give our statistics at present as he will explain, but will furnish them later. Owing to the invasion of the epidemic of influenza our attendance was small, but about fifty per cent of our churches represented, and those reporting showed good gains. Our next Association meets at Johnson's Chapel, DeKalb County, Tenn., fifteen miles south of Baxter, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919. Please elect delegates. This October 19, 1918.

E. W. STONE, Moderator.

R. F. BAKER, 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.
Castle, W. M.	R. 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	R. 1, Box 19, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.	R. 1, Box 66, Ashland City, Tenn.
Davis, W. W.	R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Duncan, A. D.	R. 2, Joelton, Tenn., care of C. L. Carney
Elliott, J. R.	R. 2, Charlotte, Tenn.
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W.	R. 3, East Station, Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph F.	114th Field Artillery, Somewhere in France
Green, L. B. H.	R. 2, Box 66, Joelton, Tenn.
Hagewood, Wm.	R. 1, Sobel, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	R. 1, Dickson, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Jacobs, E. E.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Miles, E. F.	Pardue, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H.	Indian Mound, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H.	R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	1047 29th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1610 Arthur Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

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Licentiates

Beard, L. A.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Burgess, A. J.	Tennessee City, Tenn.
Hembree, F. A.	R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
Jackson, W. F.	R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Simpkins, F. M.	Ashland City, 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—Not represented.
 Bethel—Rudolph Perry.
 Bethlehem—J. T. Harris.
 Brandon's Chapel—G. F. Heyer.
 Cofer's Chapel—Mrs. J. L. Welch.
 Cumberland Valley—Not represented.
 Craigfield—John Sullivan.
 Cross Roads—Not represented.
 Dunbar's Chapel—West Bright.
 Greenwood—Not represented.
 Good Spring—G. T. Hunt.
 Heads—G. W. Stack.
 Hopewell—Not represented.
 Hurricane Chapel—Jas. Tumins.
 Indian Mound—C. A. Wolfe.
 Maple Valley—Represented by letter.
 Marrowbone—F. M. Simpkins.
 Miller's Chapel—Not represented.
 Miller's Grove—Lillian Foster.
 Mt. Hermon—Willie Gant.
 Mt. Pleasant—C. T. Biggs.
 Mt. Zion—D. H. Douglas.
 New Hope—J. H. Clinard.
 Oak Grove—Marion Hogue.
 Oaklawn—J. L. Hudgens.
 Oakland—Bill Griggs.
 Oakwood—C. T. Hunter.
 Olivet—John R. Gower.
 Pleasant Hill—Verbally represented by J. H. Oliver.
 Pruitt's Chapel—Not represented.
 Rock Spring—J. W. D. Hagewood.
 Scott's Chapel—Adam Adams.
 Shady Grove—Not represented.
 Shaw's Chapel—Not represented.
 Smith's Grove—P. L. Oliver.
 Spring Hill—Not represented.

Stony Point—D. L. Waynack.
 Union Hill—Not represented.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Churches in charge, viz., Stony Point, Heads, Oaklawn and Bethel	4
Sermons preached	52
Conversions witnessed	52
Prayer meetings	35
Received in church	17
Baptized	15
Funerals	4
Homes visited	300
Revivals assisted in	4
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches	\$479 00
Received from other sources	57 24
Total received	\$536 24
Condition of work good.	D. T. ARMSTRONG.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Churches in charge, viz., Oakwood and Good Spring	2
Sermons preached	76
Conversions witnessed	24
Received into church	3
Baptized	3
Funerals	4
Homes visited	128
Miles traveled, about	800
Revivals assisted in	5
Revivals held in above churches	3
Received from above churches	\$ 75 50
Received from other sources	61 83
Total received	\$137 33
Condition of work good. One regular school house appointment.	W. B. DAVENPORT.

E. E. JACOBS.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	45
Conversions witnessed	29
Baptized	12
Homes visited	45

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Prayers in homes.....	15
Miles traveled.....	400
Revivals conducted.....	2
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Received for services.....	\$ 60 25

E. E. JACOBS.

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge.....	2
Sermons preached.....	42
Conversions witnessed.....	25
Received into church.....	3
Marriages.....	1
Funerals.....	3
Received for services.....	\$ 74 46

J. H. OLIVER.

W. W. DAVIS.

Churches in charge, viz., Shady Grove.....	1
Sermons preached.....	45
Conversions witnessed.....	23
Prayer meetings.....	10
Received into church.....	11
Funerals conducted.....	7
Marriages.....	6
Homes visited.....	375
Miles traveled.....	1500
Revivals assisted in.....	5
Revivals at above church.....	1
Received from church.....	\$ 47 10
Total received.....	85 00
Condition of work ordinary.....	

W. W. DAVIS.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

Churches in charge.....	1
Sermons preached.....	60
Conversions witnessed.....	10
Miles traveled.....	840
Baptized.....	7
Marriages.....	3
Funerals.....	6
Received into church.....	6
Received for services.....	\$ 63 05
Received from Smith's Grove.....	9 00
Received from Dunbar's Chapel.....	5 00

Total received.....\$ 77 05

J. R. ELLIOTT.

A. D. DUNCAN.

Churches in charge.....	3
Sermons preached.....	163

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Conversions witnessed	144
Received into church	83
Baptized	54
Miles traveled, about	1500
Marriages	8
Funerals	28
Received for services	\$600 00

A. D. DUNCAN.

J. G. MILLER.

Churches in charge, viz., Miller's Grove	1
Sermons preached	47
Conversions witnessed	16
Prayer meetings	50
Received into church	8
Baptized	4
Miles traveled	80
Revivals in above church	1
Received from church	\$ 9 00
Received from other sources	5 00
Revivals in above church	1
Received from church	\$ 9 00
Received from other sources	5 00

Total received \$ 14 00

Condition of work good. Organized two Sunday Schools.

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 indured 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	Day of Meeting	Number of Members	Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	Paid for Church Extension Fund	Paid for Minutes
Antioch	Susan Story	Vanleer	30	33	\$ 500	150 00		\$40 00	\$ 4 00
Bethel	W. S. Nicholson	Neptune	193	133	1,500				2 00
Bethlehem	W. T. Perry	Ashtand City	286	236	1,250				2 00
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Lutton	R. 1, Dover	148	1	1,000	39 35			1 35
Cofer's Chapel	Martha Hopkins	Nashville	165	123	4,000	290 00	52 00		3 00
Cumberland Valley	M. E. Lyell	Cumberland Furnace		4					1 07
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	R. 1, Bon Aqua	34	1	600				
Cross Roads	A. R. Work	R. 5, Dickson		33	120				
Dunbar's Chapel	Edw. H. Linton	R. 4, Cumberland City		35	1,200	53 85			1 50
Greenwood	E. Rippey	Cross Plains		33	1,500				2 00
Good Spring	G. H. West	R. 1, Pleasant View		41	1,000	40 30			2 00
Heads	G. E. Gower	R. 5, Cedar Hill		210	1,000	131 00			
Hopewell	Martha Ann Lovelace	R. 1, Tarry Point							
Hurricane C. el	Adlie Burgess	McKen		26	350	10 00			
Indian Mound	Mrs. Emma Moory	Indian Mound		31	800	38 50			1 70
Maple Valley	W. G. Travis	R. 1, Paduca		34	1,000			1 75	
Maple Valley	W. S. Davis	R. 1, Paduca		23	1,000				2 00
Miller's Chapel	W. S. Simpson	R. 1, Paduca		35	100				
Miller's Grove	Lillian Foster	Nashville		33	600	31 60		5 25	1 00
Mt. Hermon	Mrs. Sally Grant	R. 3, Clalotte		38	600	40 00			2 00
Mt. Pleasant	Matth. Stephens	Ashtand City		32	1,500	100 00			3 00
Mt. Zion	Mrs. B. I. Harris	R. 1, Ash 7th City		45	1,600	126 50	91 00	10 00	3 00
New Hope	Mrs. I. I. Falls	R. 1, Bay 7th, Jellon		142	800	30 66	17 65		3 00
Oak Grove	C. E. Searing	Charlotte		32	1,500	100 00			3 00
Oakland	C. E. Murphy	R. 1, Thomasville		221	1,000	30 00			3 00
Oakwood	Sarah Dickson	R. 3, Jellon		46	1,000	38 70		2 20	1 55
Olivet	R. M. Luter	R. 1, Guthrie, Ky		58	1,000	47 25			1 00
Pleasant Hill	Stanley Gower	R. 1, Dover		65					
Pruitt's Chapel	J. W. Lewis	Neptune		158	1,500	79 00			2 25
Rock Spring	W. N. Mayberry	Cumberland City		80	1,000	63 05	21 00	24 25	1 50
Scott's Chapel	Mary Bullard	Woodford		43	800	47 00		2 00	1 15
Shady Grove	Mrs. Dora A. Beggwell								
Smith's Chapel	H. W. Abney	R. 1, Indian Mound		91	600				1 4
Smith's Grove	Frank Tate	Goodlettsville		36	350				
Spring Hill	Ella Luffy	Vanleer		54	600				
Stony Hill	W. B. Feltner	Bumpus Mills				75 00			

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.

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