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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-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptists met with Bethel Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., October 22, 1919.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. A. D. Duncan. Text: John 13: 34-35.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and organized as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens was re-elected Moderator, and Rev. A. D. Duncan, Assistant.

Rev. J. H. Oliver was re-elected Clerk, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Assistant.

On motion the Moderator appoint the Devotional Committee. He appointed Bro. Scott Nicholson, Bro. H. E. Murphy, and Rev. W. B. Davenport.

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

We were entertained for a few minutes with interesting talks by Rev. W. M. Rodgers, Rev. A. D. Duncan, and Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to appoint the various committees. He appointed Rev. C. H. Pickle, Rev. J. R. Elliott, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

The Committee on Devotions reported as follows:

Rev. W. M. Rodgers preach at Bethel, and Rev. J. H. Oliver at Clifton, Wednesday night.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens preach at Bethel, Thursday at 11 a. m.

Rev. J. L. Welch preach at Bethel, and Rev. W. M. Rodgers at Neptune, Thursday night.

Rev. J. W. Ayers preach at Bethel Friday at 11:00 a. m.

Rev. W. M. Rodgers preach at Neptune, Rev. W. W. Davis at Clifton, and Rev. A. D. Duncan at Bethel, Friday night.

The Committee on Appointment of Committees reported as follows:

TEMPERANCE—Rev. W. W. Davis, Rev. F. A. Hembree and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

FINANCE—Bro. W. S. Nicholson, Bro. West Bright, and Bro. W. P. Luton.

STATE OF CHURCHES—Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. J. R. Elliott, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

MINUTES OF THE

OBITUARIES—Bro. H. E. Murphy, Bro. Marion Hogue, and Rev. Wm. Hagewood.

HOME MISSIONS—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Bro. C. C. Cagle, and Rev. A. D. Duncan.

EDUCATION—Bro. L. F. Burroughs, Rev. J. L. Welch, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. L. B. H. Green, and Bro. H. W. Abney.

Business hours were fixed as follows: Meet at 9:30 a. m.. Adjourn at 11:00 a. m. for devotional services. Meet at 1:30 p. m. and adjourn at the pleasure of the body.

We then adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

House called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

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

Standing Committees were called for.

The committee which was appointed last year to investigate the character and doctrine of Rev. G. W. Boyte reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to investigate the case of Dr. Boyte, beg to report that the charge of preaching Russelism which was alleged against him was untrue.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. L. WELCH.

REV. W. W. DAVIS.

REV. C. H. PICKLE.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

We were entertained at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. J. E. Hudgens who preached an eloquent sermon in loving memory of our departed ministers and other loved ones. After the sermon we enjoyed a spiritual talk by Sister Lilly and there was a season of great rejoicing.

Thursday Afternoon

Roll called and quorum present. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Rodgers.

We were eloquently entertained by Rev. J. L. Welch, in a report of the General Association of Freewill Baptists; after which a collection was taken by Rev. W. M. Rodgers to help pay for the printing equipment at Tecumseh, Ok.

The collection amounted to \$124.25, and a motion was carried to the effect that we draw \$75.75 from the treasury making a total of \$200. for this cause.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning.

Roll called and quorum present.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

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

Reading letters from churches was resumed and finished.

Reports of the Treasurer of Association, of Home Missions and of Foreign Missions were received and adopted.

On motion Rev. J. E. Hudgins be our delegate to the General Association which meets at Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tenn., December 24, 1919.

On motion we meet in a Ministers and Deacons meeting at Oaklawn Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday, before the fifth Sunday in February, 1920.

Report of Committee on State of Churches was received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Friday Afternoon

House called to order by Moderator.

Report of Committee on Obituaries was received and adopted.

On motion the Moderator appoint a Committee on Resolutions. He appointed Rev. J. W. Ayers, Bro. John Adams, and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Report of Committee on Home Missions was received and adopted.

The following report was received from the Committee on Resolutions and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This has been a most wonderful meeting, and the hand of God has been seen writing as our brethren have been together in the spirit transacting business for the King above. Many things have played well their part in making this sitting of the Cumberland Association a grand success.

First—We want to thank the kind, big hearted members of Bethel Church and also all the other good people of the community who have so royally entertained this body, and most gratefully send up for them our sincere prayers that God may bountifully reward them for their real home making for this body. There could not be a more hearty welcome given our people than has been extended us during our pleasant stay in their midst. May the blessing of Almighty God ever rest upon Bethel Church and community. Again, we say, God bless them!

Second—Resolved, That we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to our beloved Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, for his wisdom in moderating this Association, and for the impartial way in which he handled all the work of this sitting. May God ever bless him and may he be spared for such noble service for many years to come.

Third—Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion we change the time of our annual meeting to Wednesday before the first Sunday in October.

On motion we draw \$10.00 from the treasury to pay for Minutes of the General Association.

On motion the Clerk appoint delegates to correspond with Sister Associations. He made the following appointments:

Western Division of Stone Association—Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Eastern Division of Stone Association—Rev. A. D. Duncan.

Mt. Union Association of General Baptists—Rev. W. M. Rogers.

Cape Fear Conference of Ayden, N. C.—Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Tennessee River Association—Rev. W. W. Davis.

It was reported that Scott's Chapel Church is allowing the doctrine of the "Second Blessing" to be taught in her pulpit. On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate this matter. The following brethren were appointed: Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. Wm. Hagewood, and Rev. F. A. Hembree.

Rock Spring Church was unanimously elected as the place for our next Association.

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch preach the Introductory Sermon next year.

Rev. A. D. Duncan was appointed to preach the Memorial Sermon next year, but a motion was carried to the effect that he be allowed to appoint some one to preach it in his stead.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Rock Spring Church, three miles south of Doddsville, in Dickson County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1920.

J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

NOTE.—There is a free ferry at Doddsville so that those who wish to go by railroad and get off at that place, can be readily accommodated without extra expense.—CLERK.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Temperance

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

Resolved, That we recommend 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.

We earnestly insist that our executive authorities be as zealous in enforcing the laws as the law-making bodies have been in making them.

W. W. DAVIS.

F. A. HEMBREE.

J. H. OLIVER.

Home Missions

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

First—That we need a Home Missionary and that there should be some special rules governing him, and that the time present is not sufficient to define those regulations, and we therefore recommend that your committee be extended to the next Ministers and Deacons meeting and that that body be empowered to employ a Home Missionary upon such rules and regulations as they deem necessary and wise for the Association.

Second—We recommend that the pastors endeavor to have a Ladies' Aid Society instituted in each of their churches.

A. D. DUNCAN.

C. C. CAGLE.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

State of Churches

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

We find from statistics sent in that some of our churches have done good work and made some advancement during the past year, but the general condition of our churches cannot be pronounced good.

There is quite a number of our churches without pastors and which have had but very little service this year.

The number of additions to our churches, as a whole, has been painfully small.

We earnestly pray for better things in the future.

J. H. OLIVER.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

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Obituaries

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

Whereas, it has pleased God to spare all of our ministers, we ought to be very thankful and show our gratitude by launching out into the depth of His love and doing more efficient work in His service.

There has been a number of our laymembers called from labor to reward. Some in France and some at home. We earnestly thank God that the war is over and that most of our boys have been permitted to come back to us.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those who are bereft of loved ones, and direct them, for comfort, to Him who doeth all things well.

H. E. MURPHY.

MARION HOGUE.

WM. HAGEWOOD.

Education

We, your Committee on Education, recommend the following:

Since we now have two theological schools for the purpose of training young ministers, located at Ayden, N. C., and Tecumseh, Oklahoma, we hereby recommend these schools to our young men who wish to study for the ministry.

Also there is a correspondence course being prepared and conducted by Rev. John H. Wolfe, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and we hereby recommend that all our ministers, especially the young men, take advantage of this mail course.

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.

J. L. WELCH.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, have received forty-three dollars and seventy cents (\$43.70) from the various churches for Minutes.

W. S. NICHOLSON.

WEST BRIGHT.

W. P. LUTON.

NOTE.—I have received since the Association seven dollars and thirty cents, making a total of fifty-one dollars (\$51.00.)
CLERK.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

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Report of Treasurer of the Association

To amount from last report.....	\$45 31
October 23, to amount received for disciplines.....	2 77
To amount received from Bro. Ayers.....	1 00
	\$49 08
Cr. by error from last report.....	1 00
	\$48 08

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Board

To amount from last report.....	\$288 17
October 23, 1919—	
Shady Grove.....	4 75
Oakland.....	13 41
Bethel.....	40 00
Heads.....	11 45
Maple Valley.....	80
Cofer's Chapel.....	18 60
New Hope.....	15 65
Brandon's Chapel.....	3 30
Indian Mound.....	1 00
J. H. Oliver, Clerk.....	5 92
Miller's Chapel.....	1 40
Mt. Hermon.....	4 60
Oak Grove.....	6 45
Good Spring.....	2 70
Scott's Chapel.....	3 00
	\$421 20
December 30—Paid expenses of J. L. Welch to the General Conference.....	40 00
Balance on hand.....	\$381 20

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Report of Treasurer for Foreign Missions

October 23, 1919—Received from Brandon's Chapel for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 10 01
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G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Report of Ladies' Aid Societies**HEADS CHURCH.**

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized at Heads Church
three years ago, through the efforts of Rev. J. L. Welch,

has proven a great factor in raising means for the improvement and benefit of the church.

The organization through the efforts of the ladies principally has raised \$143.30, for which they are now planning to reseal the church. We hope to have the seats installed by Christmas.

A portion of these means was raised by membership, some by public entertainment, and some by public donation, but the greater part of it was raised through efforts of the ladies.

We also, through the consent of the church, intend to dispose of the old seats, the old organ, and the wood stove at public auction and use the proceeds from same in helping to liquidate the debt.

The Aid Society, just like all other organizations, has at times seemed to be on the wane, but through the efforts of our enthusiastic President, Miss Elsie Murphy, and some of the more energetic members, we have gone to work and put new life and "pep" into this, and our plans are not to allow it to wane again. Any church can do as much if they will only get behind it and push.

We heartily recommend this to all the churches of the Cumberland Association. Other denominations are "up and doing" and we can do too if we only get interested and make the proper efforts. Done by order of the organization.

LULA HYDE, Secretary.

COFER'S CHAPEL.

Report of Ladies' Aid Society of Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptist Churches, when convened at Bethel Church, Cheatham County, Tenn.

Officers of the Society are as follows: President, Mrs. Edgar Parker; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Hopkins; Secretary, Mrs. W. M. White; Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Hood.

Balance on hand October 17, 1918.....	\$ 25 37
Paid in.....	231 80
Total.....	\$257 17
Paid out.....	209 73

Balance October 20, 1919.....\$ 47 44

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. M. WHITE, Secretary.

NEW HOPE CHURCH.

This Aid Society was organized August, 1918. We have forty-four members on roll. The amount which has been paid

into the treasury is \$144.45. We have paid out for furniture and carpet, \$112.11. We now have in treasury, \$32.44.

MRS. W. E. FELTS, President.

MRS. J. J. FELTS, Vice-President.

MISS NANNIE FELTS, Secretary and Treas.

ROCK SPRING CHURCH.

We, the Ladies' Aid Society of Rock Spring Church, submit the following report: We organized May 1, 1916. Number of members twenty-four. We now have forty-nine on roll. We have spent on our church, \$190.50. We now have in the treasury, \$56.50.

We beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas it has seemed good to our Father to call unto Himself one of our dearly beloved sisters, Sister Addie Sutton, we humbly submit to His will and extend to her family our sympathy, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

We hope to prosper and do more for our Lord in the future than we have in the past, and we ask the prayers of all Christians to this end.

MRS. IDELL PATTERSON, President.

MRS. LYDIA HUGHES, Vice-President.

MISS CATHERINE GRAVES, Secretary and Treas.

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.

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.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery convened on October the 24th at the close of the Association. Rev. D. T. Armstrong was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

On motion the report which was made by the committee to the Association, in regard to Rev. G. W. Boyte, stating that the reports which had been alleged against him are false, be adopted by the Presbytery.

On motion the Moderator appoint the Ordaining Council. The following were appointed: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. J. W. Ayers, Rev. A. D. Duncan, and Rev. W. M. Rodgers.

On motion the Ordaining Council be continued until their successors are elected; and that all candidates who expect to apply to the next session of the Presbytery for ordination be requested to make their intentions known to the members of this Council at the earliest date possible.

On motion the names of Rev. W. M. Rodgers, Rev. W. G. Sullivan and Rev. G. E. Gower, which have been left out of our ministerial list by mistake, be inserted again in their proper places in our list of ministers.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

We, the members of the Ordaining Council, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have had the petition for the ordination of Bro. Frank Hembree under consideration and, after a careful examination of Bro. Hembree, we recommend that, in order to be fair to both Bro. Hembree and the Presbytery, we defer his ordination until he can be more thoroughly examined.

We also recommend that the Moderator call a special session of the Presbytery to meet at the close of the next Ministers and Deacons meeting to consider this matter.

J. L. WELCH, Moderator.

A. D. DUNCAN.

W. M. RODGERS.

J. W. AYERS.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Council.

The report of the Ordaining Council was received and adopted.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the close of the next Ministers and Deacons meeting, which will meet at Oaklawn Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fifth Sunday in February, 1920.

REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG, 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.
Boyte, G. W.	R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Castile, 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. 1, Joelton, Tenn.
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.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Gower, G. E.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	R. 1, Joelton, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. M.	R. 1, Neptune, 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.	R. 1, Cheap Hill, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H.	Indian Mound, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H.	R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	1047 29th Ave. N, Nashville, Tenn.
Rodgers, W. M.	Nashville, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. G.	R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Welch, John L.	1610 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

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—W. S. Nicholson.
 Bethlehem—W. T. Perry.
 Brandon's Chapel—W. P. Luton; Mrs. Viola Jeffress, Alternate.
 Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs.
 Cumberland Valley—Not represented.
 Craigfield—verbally represented by Bro. Sullivan.
 Cross Roads—Walter Murrell.
 Dunbar's Chapel—John Manners.
 Greenwood—Represented by letter.

Good Spring—J. B. Davis.
 Heads—H. E. Murphy.
 Hickory Grove—Not represented.
 Hopewell—Not represented.
 Hurricane Chapel—Represented by letter.
 Harpeth Valley—Not represented.
 Indian Mound—Mrs. Emma Moery.
 Maple Valley—G. A. Rice.
 Marrowbone—Herbert Carney.
 Miller's Chapel—J. R. Mayfield.
 Miller's Grove—Not represented.
 Mt. Hermon—Sister Nina Page.
 Mt. Pleasant—C. C. Cagle.
 Mt. Zion—H. A. Harris.
 New Hope—W. J. Culwell.
 Oak Grove—Represented by letter.
 Oaklawn—W. H. Vann.
 Oakland—Sister Alice Shadowen.
 Oakwood—W. W. Clinard.
 Olivet—Not represented.
 Paradise Ridge—Not represented.
 Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
 Pruitt's Chapel—Not represented.
 Rock Spring—H. J. Groves.
 Scott's Chapel—John Duncan.
 Shady Grove—James Bagwell.
 Shaw's Chapel—Not represented.
 Smith's Grove—H. W. Abney.
 Spring Hill—Represented by letter.
 Stony Point—J. W. Lilly.
 Union Hill—Not represented.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

J. W. AYERS.

Sermons preached.....	40
Prayers in homes.....	25
Conversions witnessed.....	4
Baptized.....	5
Received into church.....	15
Miles traveled.....	500
Received for services.....	\$ 20 00

J. W. AYERS.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Churches in charge, viz: Bethel, Shady Grove, Good Spring and Oakwood.....	4
Sermons preached.....	70

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Conversions witnessed	10
Received into church	12
Baptized	8
Funerals	1
Homes visited	145
Miles traveled about	900
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from Bethel	\$150 00
Good Spring	75 00
Oakwood	50 40
Shady Grove	50 00
Sweet Home	25 42
Other sources	26 00

Total received \$376 72

Condition of work fairly good.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

A. D. DUNCAN.

Churches in charge	8
Sermons preached	43
Sermons preached	83
Miles traveled	1100
Marriages	7
Funerals	3
Conversions	23
Received for services	\$632 00

A. D. DUNCAN.

L. B. H. GREEN.

Sermons preached	27
Revivals assisted in	5
Conversions witnessed	15
Miles traveled about	300
Prayers in homes	25
Homes visited	40
Funerals	3
Marriages	3
Received for services	\$ 61 00
From other sources	* 5 00

Total received \$ 66 00

L. B. H. GREEN.

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge	3
Sermons preached	62
Conversions witnessed	10
Received into church	17

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Baptized	14
Marriages	3
Funerals	5
Received for services	\$158 78

J. H. OLIVER.

JOHN L. WELCH.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	102
Conversions witnessed	11
Prayer meetings conducted	23
Received into church	16
Baptized	9
Funerals conducted	7
Marriages	8
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$600 00
Received from other sources	112 58

Total received \$712 58

Condition of church spiritually, very good. Financially,
splendid.

JOHN L. WELCH.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Churches in charge, viz: Greenwood, Stony Point, Heads and Oaklawn	4
Sermons preached	84
Conversions witnessed	6
Received into church	14
Funerals conducted	14
Marriages	2
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from Oaklawn	\$121 75
Received from Greenwood	180 05
Amount received from Heads and Stony Point unknown.	
Received from other sources	63 60

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

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 of 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 distation 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.

MINUTES OF THE 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 applications 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 excluding 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	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Transferred by Request	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	Paid for Church Extension Fund	Paid for Minutes
Antioch	Susan Story	Vanleer	8	1			3	198	500	30	3	\$	2,000		\$40 00	\$3 00
Bethel	R. M. Pembrough	Neptune	2				6	255	1,200	198	3		1,500			2 50
Bethlehem	W. T. Perry	R. 1 Ashland City	1				1	265	1,200	134	1		2,000			2 50
Brandon	W. P. Luton	R. Dover	1				1	148	1,000	197	3		1,000		3 30	2 00
Cofer's Chapel	Martha Hopkins	1413 9th Ave., Nashville	3				6	197	1,000	123	4		1,000		3 30	2 00
Cumberland Valley	M. E. Lyell	Cumberland Furnace	13				1	34	4,000	34	1		4,000		18 60	3 00
Craigfield	W. H. Sinson	R. 1 Bon Aqua													1 00	
Cross Roads	A. R. Work	R. 5, Box 71, Dickson								34	3		300		1 60	
Dunbart's Chapel	Edd H. Brinton	R. 4, Cumberland City								1	2		1,200			1 50
Greenwood	Virnin Rippey	Cross Plains	4							27	2		2,000			1 50
Good Spring	G. H. West	R. 1 Pleasant View								25	2		1,000			1 25
Heads	G. E. Gower	R. 5, Cedar Hill								202	3		1,000		11 45	2 80
Hurricane Chapel	Adlie Burgess	McEwen	1							22	4		375			1 00
Indian Mound	Emma Moory	Indian Mound								78			500			2 30
Maple Valley	W. B. Travis	R. 1 Pardue	2							35	3		300			1 35
Marrowbone	F. M. Simpkins	Ashland City	1							37	3		500			2 00
Miller's Chapel	W. S. Simpson	R. 2, Cheap Hill								24	3		300			1 10
Miller's Grove	Lillian Foston	Nashville								35	3		100			
Mt. Hermon	Sallie Grant	R. 3, Charlotte								36	3		600			1 50
Mt. Pleasant	Mattie Simpkins	Ashland City								32	1		500			1 10
Mt. Zion	Bertha Harris	R. 2 Ashland City	1							39	1		1,500			1 10
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	R. 1 Joelton								141	3		2,500		15 65	2 60
Oak Grove	E. L. Senseng	R. 2 Charlotte								32	2		800		31 06	2 00
Oaklawn	C. E. Murphy	R. 1 Thomasville								223	4		1,500			2 00
Oakland	Sarah Dickerson	R. 3 Joelton								44	2		1,000			2 00
Oakwood	W. W. Clinard, Jr.	R. 5, Cedar Hill								35	2		1,000			1 70
Oliver	Stanley Gower	R. 1 Guturne Ky								65	2		1,000			
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Lewis															
Prairie Chapel																
Rock Spring	W. N. Maberry	Neptune	1							158	4		2,500			2 50
Scott's Chapel	Mrs. Mary Bullard	Cumberland City								70			1,000			2 50
Shady Cove	Willie B. Felts	Woodford								35	1		900		2 75	1 00
Shady Chapel																
Smith's Chapel	H. W. Abney	R. 1 Indian Mound	10							60	2		600		21 25	1 70
Smith's Grove	E. L. Smiley	Coxdlettsville								35	1		350			1 00
Spring Hill																
Storey Point	Mrs. Ella Lilly	Vanleer	2							53	1		600			1 00

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 ----- 192 -----

-----, 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.....192.....

Churches in charge.....; names of churches.....

sermons preached.....; conversions witnessed.....;

prayer meetings conducted.....; received into church

.....; baptized.....; funerals conducted.....;

marriages solemnized.....; homes visited.....;

miles traveled.....; revivals assisted in.....; revivals

held in above churches.....; received from above churches

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

Total received \$.....

Condition of work spiritually and financially.....

Remarks.....

Signed....., Pastor.

P. O.

State.....

County.....

Street No.....

R. R.

