

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
Cumberland Association



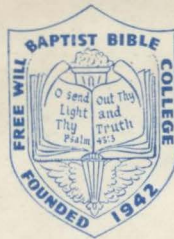
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Mrs. Agnes Frazier

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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 Committee.
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-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists met with Rock Spring Church, Dickson County, Tenn., September 29, 1920.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. L. Welch. Text 1 John, 1-3.

Wednesday Afternoon

The Association was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan, and organized as follows:

Rev. A. D. Duncan was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. L. Welch, Assistant.

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

On motion, we suspend the regular order of business and invited Rev. A. H. Outlaw of North Carolina, to sit in council with us.

On motion, the Moderator appoint the Devotional Committee. He appointed Bro. Henry Groves, Rev. L. B. H. Green, and Bro. W. T. Patterson.

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

The Devotional Committee reported as follows: Rev. W. S. Clouse preach at Rock Spring; Rev. W. M. Rodgers at Miller's Chapel, and Rev. W. B. Davenport at New Hope, Wednesday night. Rev. W. B. Davenport preach at Rock Spring; Rev. J. L. Welch at New Hope, and Rev. J. N. Horner at Miller's Chapel, Thursday night. Rev. W. M. Rodgers at Rock Spring at 11 a. m., Friday.

On motion, we omit the Memorial Sermon for this year and invite Rev. A. H. Outlaw to preach at 11 a. m. Thursday.

On motion, we drop the name of Pruitt's Chapel from our list of churches.

On motion, the Moderator appoint a committee to appoint the various committees and that this committee, also, act as an advisory committee to assist all the committees in perfecting their reports. The following were appointed: Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Bro. G. T. Garriss, and Bro. Scott Nicholson.

Petitionary letters were called for.

Corresponding letters were called for. None received.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Thursday.

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Thursday Morning

House called to order by Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Two more church letters were received and read, viz: from Good Spring and Miller's Chapel.

On motion, we drop the word "Christian" from our name and be known as Freewill Baptists.

On motion, we approve of a General Conference of Freewill Baptists to meet with Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1921, and the Moderator appoint delegates to said Conference. He appointed Rev. J. L. Welch and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

The Committee on Appointment of Committees reported as follows:

TEMPERANCE—J. H. Oliver, W. M. Rodgers, D. T. Armstrong.

HOME MISSIONS—G. W. Fambrough, A. D. Duncan, A. H. Outlaw.

STATE OF CHURCHES—J. L. Welch, J. H. Oliver, W. S. Nicholson.

OBITUARIES—J. R. Elliott, J. N. Horner, W. T. Hagewood.

EDUCATION—J. L. Welch, G. W. Fambrough, A. H. Outlaw.

FINANCE—L. B. H. Green, W. S. Nicholson, Henry West.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—G. T. Harris, G. W. Fambrough, W. B. Davenport.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—D. T. Armstrong, G. T. Harris, W. S. Nicholson.

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon

Roll called and quorum present.

Two more church letters were received and read, viz: from Bethlehem and Scott's Chapel.

On motion, we forbid that any one should preach on the ground near enough to disturb during business hours.

Miss Ruth Steward, of Nashville, gave us a very interesting and inspiring talk on the F. W. B. L. (Free Will Baptist League) of Cofer's Chapel in which she told of the good work which is being accomplished. She explained that the League is a kind of Training School to prepare the young people for general church work.

On motion we recommend that similar Leagues, for the training of our young people, be organized in all of our churches.

The following officers for this League were elected: Miss Ruth Steward, President, Y. W. R. 9, Nashville, Tenn. Mrs E. D. Parker, Secretary, 1712 Nassau street, Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Nora Walker, Treasurer, R. 1, Thomasville, Tenn.

On motion, the Moderator appoint a Standing Executive Committee. He appointed J. L. Welch, President; G. T. Harris, G. W. Fambrough, D. T. Armstrong, J. H. Oliver, J. E. Hudgens, W. B. Davenport.

On motion, Rev. A. D. Duncan be elected ex-officio member of this committee.

The President of this committee announced that the committee will meet at the General Conference, which meets at Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., on Friday before the fifty Sunday in April, 1921.

A verbal report by Rev. J. N. Horner was received from Craigfield Church, and Bro. J. D. Sullivan was requested to obtain statistics from said church, if possible, and mail them to the Clerk.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning

Roll called and quorum present. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The church letter from Smith's Grove was received and read.

Committee on Finance reported. The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate and sell the property at Paradise Ridge and turn the proceeds over to the Associational Treasurer. He appointed W. J. Culwell, Ed Parker, and Dr. W. E. Felts, on this committee.

On motion, the Clerk have three hundred (300) copies of a form of Church Letter printed and mail them out to the Clerks of the various churches.

On motion, Bro. W. S. Nicholson be appointed to draw up this form.

On Motion, the moderator appoint a committee to draw up a form of Letter of Recommendation, to be given by the churches, to members who wish to be dismissed by letter. The following were appointed: Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Bro. W. S. Nicholson, and Rev. J. L. Welch.

We were royally entertained with a very earnest and instructive address by the Moderator on the general welfare of our work.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests was received and rejected.

On motion, the Association elect a place, at the proper time, to entertain us at our next Annual Session.

Adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

Friday Afternoon

Roll called and quorum present.

The church letter from Union Hill was received and read.

The committee appointed last year, to investigate the condition of affairs at Scott's Chapel, reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to investigate the condition of affairs at Scott's Chapel, report as follows: We have, each of us, visited Scott's Chapel and we are very favorably impressed with these good people. They are taking a good interest in their church and their condition, spiritually, is very good.

J. H. OLIVER.

W. T. HAGEWOOD.

F. A. HEMBREE.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appoint a Committee on Resolutions. The following were appointed: G. T. Harris, W. B. Davenport, W. W. Davis.

The church letter from Rock Spring was received and read.

On motion, we recommend that the members of the Ladies' Aid Society from the various churches organize a Convention and try to get the good work organized in all of our churches.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions was received and adopted.

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

Report of Treasurer of Association was received and adopted.

On motion, we go into the election of a place for our next annual sitting.

Bethlehem Church was elected.

On motion, Rev. D. T. Armstrong was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon next year.

On motion, we change the time of our annual meeting back to the old accustomed date, which is Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October.

On motion, the Moderator appoint Corresponding delegates to sister Associations. The appointments were made as follows:

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

North Carolina State Convention—Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Tennessee River Association—Rev. W. B. Davenport.

On motion, we adjourn to meet with Bethlehem Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1921, for the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 a. m., and convene for business at 1:00 p. m.

A. D. DUNCAN, Moderator.

J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Home Missions

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

Believing that we have the purest doctrine and that it is the doctrine of Jesus, and seeing the necessity of carrying it further toward the end of the earth. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we observe a more strict adherence to the Resolution passed several years ago for twenty cents per member for Home Missions, that is, that we urgently request every minister who has the care of churches, to see to it that they pay their proportional part for Home Missions and that it be turned over to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, G. W. Fambrough.

We beg to recommend that the Home Mission Board employ a field man, that they instruct him to visit such places as they judge, in their wisdom, to be in need of assistance; and that he be paid such amount as they shall agree upon.

The field man is not to be pastor at a mission point, but is to organize, and secure a man for the work. The minister whom the field man secures, if possible, to be a minister who has not work already.

We further recommend that all ministers who have not work for full time and who wish to obtain work, make application to the field man.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. OUTLAW.

A. D. DUNCAN.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

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Education

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

Seeing the need of a better prepared ministry, we recommend that the following clause in the minutes of last year be complied with:

"We recommend that all our preachers, especially the young ministers, study God's Word in a systematic way, and that they thoroughly acquaint themselves with the teaching thereof."

We further recommend that the work of the school at Ayden, N. C., be approved by this Association.

We further recommend the work of the school to any young man or woman, wishing to better prepare themselves for their life's work, and especially the young ministers.

We further recommend that, in as much as the work of the school has been suspended for the time being, in order to build a college, we favor the work of the "Moody Bible Institute," of Chicago, Ill., for our ministers and that this Association make arrangements for their expenses, they applying to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. J. L. Welch.

Sunday Schools

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

We urge that each pastor do his best to organize a Sunday School in each of his churches; that he first call the leading members of the church together, and they select the best person for Superintendent, and the pastor call the officers and teachers of the Sunday School together in private consultation at least once a year, and there impress upon them the importance of doing their best.

We further recommend that the Free Will Baptist Literature, published at Ayden, N. C., be used as far as practicable.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

G. T. HARRIS.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

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 thankful and to show our gratitude by launching out into the depth of God's love and doing more efficient work in His service.

There has been a number of our laymen called from labor to reward.

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 and who is too good to do wrong and too wise to make a mistake.

J. N. HORNER.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

W. T. HAGEWOOD.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, have received forty-six dollars and ninety-five cents (\$46.95) for minutes, donated as follows:

Indian Mound	\$ 2 00
Hurricane Chapel	1 53
Oakwood	2 25
Mt. Herman	1 50
Oak Grove	2 00
Dunbar's Chapel	2 00
Shady Grove	1 50
Cross Roads	50
Cofer's Chapel	3 00
Good Springs	1 50
Mt. Zion	2 00
Brandon's Chapel	2 00
Head's Church	2 00
Bethlehem	3 00
Oaklawn	2 00
Miller's Chapel	1 85
Bethel	3 00
Stony Point	1 30
Scott's Chapel	2 00
New Hope	2 00
Marrowbone	2 17
Oakland	2 00
Miller's Grove	1 50
Craigfield	1 25
Union Hill	1 00
Smith's Grove	1 10
Total	\$47 95

W. S. NICHOLSON.

L. B. H. GREEN.

G. H. WEST.

NOTE.—I have received, since the Association, one dollar from Olivet Church, making a total of forty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents (48.95).—CLERK.

Committee on Resolutions

First—Whereas, this has been a blessed meeting with good results and business has been transacted that will tell well in eternity;

We want to thank the kind, big hearted people of Rock Spring Church and vicinity who have so royally entertained this body; and we earnestly pray that God may bounrifully bless them spiritually and financially as they have proved a great blessing to us. No people could have done better.

Second—Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to send Bro. A. H. Outlaw to be with us; he has proved such a blessing to us, we desire to try to express our thanks for his valuable help and bid him come again.

Third—Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

G. T. HARRIS.

W. W. DAVIS.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Reports of Ladies' Aid Societies

COFER'S CHAPEL

Report of the Ladies' Aid Society of Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists, when convened with Rock-Spring Church.

Officers for the year—President, Mrs. Ed. Parker; Vice-President, Mrs. Fred Polston; Secretary, Mrs. W. M. White; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Frank Welch; Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Hood.

Balance on hand October, 1919	\$ 47 44
Collected last year	220 97

Total	\$268 41
Paid out	144 50

Balance to date	\$123 91
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Our Society gave a shower for the benefit of the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., and received clothing and other articles to the amount of fifty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS W. M. WHITE, Secretary.

BETHEL CHURCH.

We, the Ladies' Aid Society of Bethel Church and community, submit the following report:

We organized our Society December 11, 1919. Number of members 19. We have spent on our church \$94.30 for

carpet, table and paint. We have in treasury \$1.84. We have one bed quilt and one table set on hand now, ready to sell. We ask the prayers of all Christians that we may make our Society a success.

Officers are as follows:

MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS, President.
 MRS. R. P. FRAZIER, Vice-President.
 MRS. C. D. MILLS, Secretary.
 MRS. W. S. NICHOLSON, Treasurer.

ROCK SPRING CHURCH.

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

Number of members.....	39
Expended this year.....	111 31
We now have in treasury.....	24 17

We beg leave to submit a tribute of respect:

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom and love, has taken from our midst Mrs. Flora Hagewood, one of our most loyal and faithful members, we, the members of this Society, wish to express how keenly we feel the loss of this true Christian woman who was most generous in the support of her church and society. Be it Resolved:

First—That we humbly bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, knowing He is too kind to pain and too wise to err.

Second—That, in the passing away of Sister Flora, not only our Society but the community has lost a good Christian woman, the husband a loving wife, and the little son a mother whose influence will go on forever.

Third—We extend to the bereaved family our love and heart-felt sympathy and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

We hope to do the will of our Heavenly Father and ask all Christians to pray that our bond of unity may never be broken.

MRS. W. D. PROCTER, President.
 MISS NELLIE JUSTICE, Vice-President.
 MRS. W. C. JONES, Secretary.
 MRS. J. T. JUSTICE, Treasurer.

NEW HOPE CHURCH.

Number of members on roll.....	35
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FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts:

For 1 quilt top.....	\$ 46 00
For 1 centerpiece.....	10 00
For 1 towel.....	15 00
For 1 chandelier (old).....	10 00

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Dues and donations 74 48

Total receipts \$155 48

Expenditures:

For table and chairs \$ 50 00

For lamps £4 58

Other expenses 2 05

Total expenditures \$136 63

Balance on hand 18 85

The Lord has blessed us both spiritually and financially in all our efforts and we give Him the praise. We should rejoice for others to share in our work and joy.

Our Aid was organized two years ago and we ask the prayers of all Christians that the work of the Lord, through this medium may continue to prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. FELTS, President.

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

MISS NANNIE FELTS, Sec'y and Treas.

Report of Associational Treasurer

October 23, 1919, to balance on hand \$ 48 08

Received from Rev. J. W. Ayers 1 00

To sale of Disciplines 28

To balance \$ 49 36

Respectfully, G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Report of Treasurer for Foreign Missions

To amount brought forward from last report \$ 10 01

Nothing received during the last year.

Respectfully, G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Treasurer's Report for the Home Mission and Church
Extension Funds

October 23, 1919, to balance forwarded \$381 70

September 30, 1920, Bethel Church 40 00

Mt. Hermon 3 15

Oak Grove 4 80

Mt. Zion 3 40

Shady Grove 4 05

Brandon's Chapel 4 00

Oakwood 3 00

Balance on hand \$444 10

Respectfully, 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.

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 1, at the close of the Association.

Rev. D. T. Armstrong was elected Moderator and Rev.

J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

On motion, Bro. G. W. Fambrough fill the place of Rev. W. M. Rodgers in his absence, as a member of the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Holt petitioned to be reinstated as an ordained minister, stating that he once had gone back and been neglectful, but he had "come back" and taken up the work again as a minister.

On motion, his case be deferred till our next session and that we meet on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, at Cofer's Chapel, while the General Conference is in session.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows: We, the members of the Ordaining Council, beg leave to request that the ordination of all the candidates be deferred until we meet in special session at Nashville, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1921.

REV. J. L. WELCH.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT.

REV. J. W. AYERS.

REV. A. D. DUNCAN.

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion the Presbytery stand adjourned to meet at Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tenn., on Friday before

the fifth Sunday in May, 1921, while the General Conference is in session.

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., 1027 Scott Street, Nashville, 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, J. 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—J. T. Eatherly.
 Brandon's Chapel—Geo. Heyer.
 Cofer's Chapel—Mrs. Fred Polston.
 Cumberland Valley—Not represented.
 Craigfield—Verbally represented by J. N. Horner and J. D. Sullivan.
 Cross Roads—Walter Murrell.
 Dunbar's Chapel—D. R. Richardson.
 Greenwood—Represented by letter.
 Good Spring—W. H. Perry.
 Heads—H. J. Gower.
 Hurricane Chapel—L. E. Dotson.
 Indian Mound—C. A. Moery.
 Maple Valley—Not represented.
 Marrowbone—Cleveland Carney.
 Miller's Chapel—Sister E. F. Simpson.
 Miller's Grove—Rev. J. G. Miller.
 Mt. Hermon—R. V. McCurdy.
 Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
 Mt. Zion—Sister Bertha Harris.
 New Hope—W. J. Culwell.
 Oak Grove—James Hampton.
 Oaklawn—Bailey Walker.
 Oakland—Rev. S. B. B. Holt.
 Oakwood—W. W. Clinard.
 Olivet—Not represented.
 Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
 Rock Spring—W. C. Jones.
 Scott's Chapel—John Duncan.
 Shady Grove—James Bagwell.
 Shaw's Chapel—Not represented.
 Smith's Grove—H. W. Abney.
 Spring Hill—Not represented.
 Stony Point—James Baker.
 Union Hill—W. E. Knott.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Churches in charge, viz: Bethel, Shady Grove, Oakwood and Good Spring	4
Sermons preached	63
Conversions witnessed	6
Received into church	8
Baptized	3
Funerals conducted	6
Marriages solemnized	1
Homes visited	170

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Miles traveled, about	1000
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from Bethel	\$153 00
Shady Grove	82 00
Oakwood	53 00
Good Spring	100 00
From Bethel community	50 00
Received from other sources	41 75

Total received \$479 75

Condition of work, spiritually and financially, very good.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

J. L. WELCH.

Report for the year ending September 29, 1920.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	73
Conversions witnessed	5
Prayer meetings conducted	17
Received into church	7
Baptized	2
Funerals conducted	4
Marriages solemnized	4
Received from church	\$600 00

JOHN L. WELCH.

Pastor of Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn.

D. T. ARMSTRONG

Report for year ending September 28, 1920.

Churches in charge, viz: Heads, Oaklawn, Greenwood, Indian Mound	4
Sermons preached	86
Conversions witnessed	8
Received into church	5
Funerals conducted	3
Marriages solemnized	2
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches	\$436 72
Received from other sources	71 00

Total received \$507 72

Remarks: Oaklawn paid \$120, Indian Mound \$105, Greenwood \$72, and Heads \$139.72.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

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A. D. DUNCAN.

Churches in charge	4
Sermons preached	60
Conversions witnessed	105
Received into the church	58
Baptized	36
Marriages solemnized	4
Received for services	\$672 00
My work is in reasonably good condition.	

A. D. DUNCAN.

E. E. JACOBS.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	75
Conversions witnessed	30
Received into church	5
Baptized	22
Funerals	4
Miles traveled	900
Revivals held	4
Received for services	\$100 00

E. E. JACOBS.

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge, viz: Brandon's Chapel and Smith's Grove	2
Sermons preached	110
Funerals conducted	9
Marriages	3
Conversions	9
Received into church	1
Baptized	1
Received from Brandon's Chapel	\$158 00
Received from Smith's Grove	34 36
From other sources	140 22
Total received	\$332 58

J. H. OLIVER.

L. B. H. GREEN.

Year ending September 29, 1920. I have only one church in charge and my work has been evangelistic.

Name of church, Spring Hill	1
Sermons preached	51
Conversions witnessed	49
Received into church	35
Baptized	4
Funerals conducted	2

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Marriages solemnized	3
Homes visited	75
Miles traveled	600
Revivals assisted in	6
Received for services	\$101 75

L. B. H. GREEN.

J. W. CLOUSE.

Churches in charge, viz: Oakland and Marrowbone	2
Sermons preached	166
Conversions witnessed	30
Prayer meetings conducted	148
Received into church	30
Baptized	24
Funerals conducted	3
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	50
Miles traveled	500
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches	\$109 40
Received from other sources	112 90

Total received	\$222 30
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J. W. CLOUSE.

J. W. AYERS.

Sermons preached	45
Revivals assisted in	4
Prayer meetings	6
Sick visited	6
Marriages solemnized	1
Pastored Mt. Pleasant Church five months.	
Received from Mt. Pleasant	\$ 5 00
From Poplar Ridge	5 25
From Bethlehem	10 40
Other sources	6 00

Total received	\$ 26 65
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J. W. AYRES.

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 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 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 applications for ordination sent up with recommendation 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 Recommend'n	Rec'd by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Transferred by Request	No. of Members.	Day of Meeting	Church Property	and Pastor	Paid Assistant	Paid for Church Extension Fund	Paid for Minutes
Antioch		Neptune	3								201	2	\$2,000	\$200 00	\$40 60	\$40 00	\$3 00
Bethel	R. M. Fambrough	R. 1, Ashland City	1								262	1	1,200	73 00			3 00
Bethlehem	W. T. Perry	R. 1, Dover	2	2			2		5		149	3	1,000	148 00	25 25	4 00	2 00
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Luton	1413 9th Ave. Nashville	2	2					2		204	1-2-3-4	4,000	600 00	126 00		3 00
Cofers Chapel	Martha Hopkins		2	3					1		204	1-2-3-4					
Cumberland Valley																	
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	R. 2, Jingo	1								30	3	400		27 90		1 25
Cross Roads	Walter Murrell	Dickson									33	4	300				50
Dunbar's Chapel	Maurice Richardson	R. 4, Cumberland City											2,000	101 35	44 66		2 00
Greenwood	Vernial Kippy	Cross Plains									27	1	1,500	80 00			
Good Spring	G. H. West	R. 1, Pleasant View			1		1				53	3	1,500	100 00			1 50
Heads	G. E. Gower	R. 5, Cedar Hill					2				203	3	1,500	142 80	23 67		2 00
Hurricane Chapel	Optha Bagwell	McEwen							1		20		350		20 00		1 53
Indian Mound	Emma Moery	Indian Mound									79	2	700	105 00			2 00
Maple Valley																	
Marrowbone	Mamie Bell Carney	Ashland City	10	2							48	3	1,000	100 15			2 17
Miller's Chapel	W. S. Simpson	R. 2, Cheap Hill				1					24	1	400				1 85
Miller's Grove	Lillian Foster	Nashville									36	3	100				1 50
Mt. Hermon	Miss Bertha Wood	Cunningham	1				2				34	3	600	35 10		3 15	1 50
Mt. Pleasant																	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Bertha Harris	R. 2, Ashland City	1			2	1				40	1	2,000	164 75		3 40	2 00
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	R. 1, Joelton	22		6						162	3	2,750	176 00	30 00		2 00
Oak Grove	E. L. Sensing	R. 2, Charlotte				1			1		32	2	800	57 10	25 07	4 80	2 00
Oaklawn	C. G. Binkley	R. 1, Pleasant View	4			1					226	4	2,500	120 00	26 65		2 00
Oakland	Sarah Dickerson	R. 3, Joelton	8		2				1		53	2-4	1,000	48 30			2 00
Oakwood	W. W. Clinard	R. 5, Cedar Hill			1	2	2		2		37	1	1,000	53 00		3 00	2 25
Olivet	Stanley Gower	R. 1, Guthrie, Ky.	1								66	2	1,000	148 00	36 71		1 00
Pleasant Hill																	
Rock Spring	W. N. Maberry	Neptune	15						4		169	4	2,500	166 23			
Scott's Chapel	Mary Bullard	Cumberland City	10			8	2				75	1	1,000	64 08	32 00		2 00
Shady Grove	Willie B. Felts	Woodford							1		34	4	900	82 00	14 73	4 05	1 50
Shaw's Chapel																	
Smith's Grove	H. W. Abney	R. 1, Indian Mound							1		57	4	600	38 36			1 00
Spring Hill																	
Stoney Point	Mrs. Ella Lilly	R. 3, Vanleer									51	1	600		19 53		1 30
Union Hill	A. H. King	R. 1, Bumpus Mills									25	1			28 50		1 00

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

..... Freewill 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

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We have paid our pastor \$; we have
called

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

