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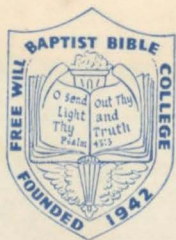


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The Seventy Eighth Annual Session of Freewill Baptists met with Bethlehem Church, Cheatham Co. Tenn Oct. 19, 1921.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. D. T. Armstrong. Text. Matt. 11—28.

Wed. Afternoon

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

Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Moderator and Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Assistant.

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

On motion we dispense with the regular order of business and appointed a Committee to appoint the various Committees.

The following appointed, Rev. D. T. Armstrong. Rev. W. B. Davenport and Rev. W. M. Rodgers.

On motion we invite Rev. G. W. Olford, delegate from the General Conference of Freewill Baptists of North Carolina and also Mrs. Alice E. Lupton of North Carolina to sit in Council with us.

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

The Committee on appointment of Committees reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Committees.

Temperance, J. E. Hudgens, Chr. C. H. Pickel, W. S. Nicholson.

Home Mission, J. H. Oliver, chr. W. W. Davis, L. B. H. Green.

State of Churches, W. B. Davenport, chr. A. D. Duncan, W. E. Fambrough.

Education and Literature. J. L. Welch, G. T. Harris. Jessie Harris.

Obituaries. A. D. Duncan, G. W. Olford, Bro. L. Royal. Finance. G. W. Heyer, chr. Mrs. Emma Moery, Mrs. Edd Parker.

Sunday Schools; J. C. Will, chr. Miles Gower, J. A.

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Spain.

Foreign Mission; J. E. Hudgens, chr. J. L. Welch, G. W. Fambrough.

Devotional Committee; W. M. Rodgers, chr. D. T. Armstrong, W. B. Davenport.

Petitions and Requests; E. F. Miles, Bailly Walker, W. D. Procter.

Report of the Committee was received and adopted.

Petitionary letters were called for and, two being received, they were handed to the Committee on petitions Requests.

Corresponding letters were called for: None received.

On motion the business hours were fixed as follows:

Meet at 9 A. M. for business: Adjourn for devotional Service at 11 A. M. Meet at 1,30 P. M. and adjourn at the pleasure of the Body.

We, then, adjourned to 9 A. M. Thursday.

Thursday Morning

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Ayers.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on Sunday Schools received and adopted.

We were entertained with an interesting talk on Sunday Schools by Bro. J. C. Wall.

On motion we endorse the work of the delegates to this Conference and give it our hearty approval and support

On motion the report of the Committee on petitions and requests be received, and the three new Churches, viz. Midway Royal Chapel and Emanuels Chapel be accepted and their delegates invited to sit in council with us. Also the petition of Bro. W. B. Wagoner asking that his name be reinstated in our ministerial list, be referred to the Ordaining Council.

Adjourned for devotional service.

We were royally entertained at 11 O'clock with an eloquent sermon by Rev. J. W. Olford. Text Prov. 23,-10

Thursday P. M.

Prayer by Bro. Duncan.

Report of Committee on Temperance received and adopted

Rev. J. L. Welch made an interesting talk in which he gave an account of great work that is being done by the Free Will Baptist League.

On motion the association lend its hearty approval and support to the F. W. B. L.

Report of Committee on foreign Missions received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries received and adopted.

Report of Comon State of Churches received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Mission, Received and adopted.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Friday.

Friday Morning

House called to order by the assistant Moderator.

Prayer led by J. H. Oliver.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. W. B. Davenport was elected to succeed the retiring member—Rev. D. T. Armstrong on the Home Mission Board.

On motion the Moderator appoint the Educational Board.

The following were appointed.

Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Bro. G. T. Harris, Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Rev. J. H. Oliver.

On motion, Rev. W. B. Davenport was elected secretary of Foreign Mission and all of our members were re-quired to pay at least 25cts. each to the cause of Foreign Mission.

Report of the Treasurer was received and adopted.

On motion, Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Bro. G. W. Fambrough were appointed to represent us in our next session of the General Conference. Rev. J. L. Welch gave us a very encouraging report of the proceedings of the North Carolina State Convention, to which he was our representative

On motion, the report of the Ladies Aid Convention

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was received and adopted.

On motion the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was received and adopted.

Report of committee on Finance, received and adopted.

The following Resolutions were received and adopted.

Where as, the members of Bethlehem Church and community have been so kind and generous as to entertain in a most successful way the delegated body of the Association and have shown such consideration for the visitors:-therefore be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation for their hospitality.

Inasmuch as we have derived so much benefit from the association with and the assistance of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina: be it resolved that we continue to send a representative annually to their state Convention and that we request them to do likewise.

Be it further resolved that we extend to Brother J. W. Alford and Sister Alice E. Lupton our heart felt thanks for their presence in our midst and the assistance they have given us.

In accordance with the custom of past years, be it resolved that the clerk of this Association superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his service.

In appreciation of the splendidly impartial and courteous rulings of our moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, during the sitting of this Association, be it resolved that we give him a rising vote of thanks.

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

Oaklawn and Heads were nominated. Heads were elected.

Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen to preach the Introductory sermon next year.

Adjourned to 1.30 P. M.

Friday P. M.

House called to order by the assistant Moderator.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

On motion, the names of Cumberland Valley, Miller's Grove be dropped from our list of Churches.

Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen as our representative to the next State Convention of North Carolina.

Adjourned to meet with Heads Church: Ten miles South of Springfield, Robertson County, Tenn. on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in Oct. 1922, at 11, A. M. for the Introductory Sermon; and to convene for business at 1 P. M.

J. E. Hudges, Mod. J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

HOME MISSION

Report of Committee on Home Mission.

We, your committee on home missions respectfully submit the following report-

Seeing the need of more and greater work being done in our home fields and realizing the responsibility that is resting upon us as a result of the Divine command of Christ to preach the Gospel to every creature, we wish to make the following recommendations.

(1) That we commend the mission board for its efforts to obtain pastors for the neglected churches and for assisting needy churches with their work.

(2) That we extend our thanks to the churches which have responded to the call for funds to carry on this work.

(3) That we continue to require our churches to pay twenty cents per member annually for the cause of home missions and earnestly insist that the pastor see that this money is collected.

(4) That we employ a field secretary whose duty it shall be to correspond with the pastors, clerks or deacons of the various churches and ascertain how many and which of the churches have no pastors and report same to the president of the home mission board, who in turn will secure if possible, pastors for such churches.

The field secretary shall be elected by the Association Board and paid for his work such amount as may be agreed

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upon between him and the board.

(5) We further recommend that at least two mission points be established. One at Dickson and the other at Ashland City, Tenn. with a view to organize a church in each of these places and also at other points where the board in their wisdom shall see fit to begin such work.

Expenses of such missions shall be paid out of the treasury.

(6) We further recommend that after the present date no member of the board shall hold office for more than a term of five years without being re-elected.

The present members shall be numbered one, two, three four and five. No. one shall serve on the board one year, No. two for two years & C and one new members shall be elected at the close of each succeeding year to take the place of the retired member.

EDUCATION

Realizing the need of Christian training for the ministry, missionary work and other activities of the church, and seeing the need for proper facilities and funds to make this work possible; we, your committee on education and literature, beg leave to make the following recommendations:-

First-That a committee of five be appointed during this session of the association which shall be known as a board of education, whose duty it shall be to supervise and conduct such work as may be hereafter provided for.

Second- That provisions be made to defray the expenses of and support any of our prospective students who may decide to consecrate their lives to the work of our denomination and will take training for such work. All money thus expended will be in the nature of a loan.

Third- That all students securing aid from the board will be required to sign a pledge to remain with the Free Will Baptist denomination. Otherwise, such money as expended for their benefit will become due and payable.

Fourth-That the above named board see that the expenses of two students members of Cofer's Chapel, who are in school at Ayden, N. C. are paid, and that we give the institution there fuller cooperation and support.

Literature.

Owing to the large part that religious literature has in the formation of proper ideals, genuine christian character and citizenship, and realizing the need of greater efforts stands, we submit the following:-

First- That we insist on the use of our own literature and song book in our churches and sundayschools and urge our people to subscribe to our denominational papers.

Second- That provisions be made for the creating of a department for colportage work and the printing and distribution of free tracts.

Third- That we give our sanction and support to the literature, now being arranged for, in connection with the Free Will Baptist League work.

Fourth- We further recomend that the board be authorized to arrange a five year program for the carrying out of the above provisions and put on acampaign among our churches for \$25,000 with the work shall be carried on. One fifth of this amount to be used for the department of colportage and free literature and the remainder for educational purposes. All of the above named work is to be under the supervision of the Board of Education.

J. L. Welch, chr. I. T. Harris G. T. Harris.

Sunday School.

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 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 once doing their best.

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

There are three features about Sunday School work that give to it a charm which belong to nothing else.

The first of these is, that the text book is the word of God, the truth of God, in history, poetry and prophecy.

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In the study of it we come the companions of the great men of all ages, and are raised by their example of faith and devotion to higher purposes and a better life. For children and young people to be thrown into companionship with such men as Moses, David, Daniel and Paul gives them a nobler inspiration than can be drawn from all other books on earth; but, above all this, the book which we study glows with the presence of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, the study of his matchless truth, his toil and self sacrifice for us quickens our faith into trust and leads us into the peace and joys of spiritual. Well may we say "Holy Bible," book divine precious treasures, thou art mine.

There we study the great life-lessons of love to God, Obedience to parents, benevolence to the weak, charity toward our neighbors, and that Christian charity, in order to stand, must be built upon the rock of God's unchanging truth.

(2) And the second of its charms is that it meets upon God's holy day; when the work of the week is past, when the wheels of commerce are still, and the world halts its busy march to turn its thoughts towards God and a higher world. How beautiful it is to join with the millions of God's children in keeping His sabbath by the study of his word.

(3) And the last of its charms is that, in it, we are associated with the purest, brightest and best of the human race.

Children and young people from homes where the word of God is honored are the safest and most delightful companions to be found on earth.

With gratitude to God for His past blessing on our Sunday School work let us begin anew to do better work and to win fresh victories.

J. C. Wall

J. A. Spain.

Miles Gower.

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following for your consideration.

Wherein, all well governed Religious Institutions, must have a good and profitable system of Finance and a good

system common to all and alike to each church, we would therefore recomended.

First—That each pastor see that the church, of which, he, the pastor, is well organized and the system understood so plainly that the members will understand the duty of the executive committee.

Second—That our pastors urge upon the executive committee of each church to make a quarterly report.

Third—We can see that our churches have suffered the Cause on account of the weak system of finacncing, and we should therefore recomend that you elect a committee composed of three members. One to be chairman, one secretary, but this committee, when elected shall elect this chairman, and secretary, from their members, and the duty of this committee shall be to get a report from each church quarterly, through its chairmn and secretary, and offer such suggestions as they may deem wise and profitable, and they shall be elected for one year and till their successors are elected.

We further report that we have examined the records of the treasurer. Home and Foreign missions and Association funds and find same to be correct. We also find \$58.68 collected for minutes of the association.

Respt. submitted.

G. F. Heyer, Mrs. Elgar Parker and Mrs C. A. Moery.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, your committee on petitions and requests. Beg lief to submit the following report:

We have received petitions from two churches, one at Erin, Tenn., and one at Columbia, Tenn. After due consideration. We, your committee, beg lief to report favorable to the churches. We believe that we should receive them in our body and give their representatives seats in council with us.

E. F. Miles.

Bailey Walker.

W. D. Proctor.

Report of the Devotional Committee.

We, your committee on devotional services, beg to sub-

mit the following report:

Wednesday night—Prayer service. Led by Rev. W. W. Davis./

Sermon by Rev. J. H. Oliver. Subject: "What things did Jesus command us to observe."

Thursday 11. A. M.

Prayer service, by Rev. C. H. Pickel: Sermon by Rev. J. W. Olford. Subject, "The three ordinances of the Church."

Thursday night:

Prayer service, Rev. L. B. H. Green. Sermon by Rev. W. M. Rodgers: Subject: "How may I know that I am a christian."

Friday, 11, A. M.

Sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch: Subject. "Preparation for Glory."

D. T. Armstrong.
W. B. Davenport.
W. M. Rodgers.

Temperance.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg lief to submit the following report:

Realizing that the illicit distilling, and immoderate use of intoxicating liquors, is harmful to the best interest of our church life, and destructive to the morals of our people, and especially the younger and inexperienced, and is breeding disrespect for law and order. Therefore be it resolved that we, as an association, pledge our hearty support to all legal efforts for the suppression of the traffic in strong drink and that we pray that the day may soon come when the clouds that now obscure our vision may be dispelled by the golden beams of Righteousness and Temperance.

J. E. Hudgens.
W. S. Nicholson.
C. H. Pickel.

Committee on Obituaries

We, your committee on obituaries beg to submit the following:

Since it has pleased Almighty God to spare all our ministers, we should show our gratitude by more earnest

efforts, and freshly and fully consecrate our lives to His service, and do greater things for Him.

We note, with sorrow, that a number of our laymens have passed over the river since our last session, and we commend the sorrowing and stricken relatives to Him who doeth all things well.

A. D. Duncan.

L. Royal

J. W. Alford.

Committee on Foreign Mission.

Believing that the time has come for our extension of Missions. We recommend that our association indorse Foreign Mission, and we make arrangements to send a Missionary or Missionaries to Foreign Fields. As soon as we can be educated up to the cause and are willing to consecrate our wealth for this cause. We would insist upon our pastor to advocate this cause from the pulpit of the church.

J. E. Hudgens.

J. D. Welch.

G. W. Fambrough.

State of Churches.

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

We find, from statistics sent us, that some of our Churches have done good work and made some advancement during the past year, and our work is in much better condition, generally speaking, than it has been for a long time.

The number of additions to our churches is much greater this year as a whole and we earnestly pray for better things in the future.

W. B. Davenport.

A. D. Duncan.

W. E. Fambrough.

Report of Ladies Aid Committee.

The State Ladies Aid of the Free Will Baptist Church of Tennessee to the Cumberland Association of Free Will

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Baptist's when convened with Bethlehem Church. Cheatham County, Tenn. Greetings:

We respectively represent that we met in state session, with Bethlehem Church on the 28th day of Sept. 1921 and perfected our State organization by electing the following the following State officers to wit: Mrs. Ed Parker President, and Mrs. Fannie Polston Vice President, Mrs. Bertha Harris Corresponding Sec. and Miss Mary Patton Recording Sec. and Mrs. G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer, Mrs. Eva Ray State organizer and Miss Martha Hopkins Field worker.

We plan an orphanage for the State and many inspiring talks were made by the various delegates representing the several societies and we sincerely deserve the cooperation of the Cumberland Association in our efforts to build and equip an orphanage for our people.

We also unanimously recommend the establishing of a denominational school in which our young people may educate, and feeling that we have ample means at our command to build and equip a school or college, we do very earnestly desire that such steps be taken as in the wisdom of your deliberative body may seem wise looking to that end.

We desire the most friendly relations with your body and will appreciate any suggestions or assistance from your body looking to the development of our spiritual and material resources, so praying Gods choicest blessings upon you and his guidance in your deliberations, and inviting continued correspondence we remain Fraternally Yours.

Mrs. J. E. Hudgens.

Mrs. R. P. Frazier.

Mrs. W. M. Walker.

Report of Treasurer on Home Mission Board.

Bal. from last report.	\$444.05
Bethel	\$44.40
Good Springs	\$2.40
Shady Grove	\$8.80
Spring Hill	\$2.90
Oaklawn	\$18.20
Bethlehem	\$10.26
Mt. Zion	\$2.30
Cofers Chapel	\$40.20
Craigfield	\$2.00

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Heads	\$1.30
New Hope	\$16.65
Oak Grove	\$6.35
Olivet	\$12.80
Scotts Chapel	\$3.40
	\$618.01
To Bal. Mission work at Spring Hill.	\$50.00
J. H. Oliver, Bal. on minutes,	\$5.00
To repair Indian Mound church,	\$100.00
Expences of J. L. Welch to N. C.	\$40.00
Rebate acct. on Tecumseh College fund,	\$5.00
	\$200.00
	Bal. \$418.01
	G. W. Fambrough.

Report of Associational Treasures.

By Bal. from last year	\$46.36
Bal. Sale of disciplines	\$ 2.40
Bal.	\$48.76

Report of Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

By Bal. from last year	\$10.01
Paid by Bethlehem	\$.45
Paid by Bro. John Gower	\$5.00
Total	\$15.46

G. W. Fambrough.**Resolutions 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 a pastoral year and estimate the total cost of financing their church and their 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.

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Annual Presbytery

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association.

Rev. D. T. Armstrong was chosen Moderator and J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

On motion Rev. H. B. B. Holt's name be replaced on our ministerial list.

On motion the names of W. F. Jackson, and W. H. Sullivan, be dropped from our list of Licentiates.

On motion the names of Oscar Davis; Homer Davis; J. W. Boyte and G. W. Polston, be placed on our list of licensed preachers.

A motion was made to place the name of Bro. W. B. Waggoner on our ministerial list but did not carry.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows.

We recommended that the credentials of Bro. Royal be ratified and his name placed on our ministerial list.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Rev. J. L. Welch.

Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Rev. A. D. Duncan.

Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Moderator.
Rev. J. H. Oliver, Clerk.

LICENTITATES

Bagwell, James, R. 1, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

Beard, L. A. R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.

Boyte, J. W. Nashville, Tenn.

Burgess, A. J. Tennessee City, Tenn.

Davis, Oscar, Nashville, Tenn.

Davis, Homer, Nashville, Tenn.

Hembra, F. A. R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.

Polston, G. W. Nashville, Tenn.

Simpkins, F. M. Ashland City, Tenn.

Pruitt, G. M. 1014-29th, Ave. N. Nashville, Tenn.

Rodgers, W. M. Nashville, Tenn.

Royal, L. 202, Carpenter St. Columbia, Tenn.

Sullivan, W. G. R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.

Welch, J. L. 1610, Arthur Ave. Nashville, Tenn.

Greer, L. B. H. R. Joelson, Tenn.

Haywood, W. T. R. 1 Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

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Horner, J. W. 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. Dover, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H. R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B. R. 1, Box 66, Ashland City, Tenn.
Duncan, A. D. 1027, Scott St. Nashville, Tenn.
Elliott, J. R. R. 2, Charlotte, Tenn.
Free, E. M. Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W. R. 13, East Station, Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph F. R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Gower, G. E. R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

ADDRESS 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. R. 7, McClean Station, 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.

Names of Churches and their delegates.

Antioch—Not represented.
Bethel—W. S. Nichols.
Bethlehem—J. N. Herrington.
Brandons Chapel—J. C. Wall.
Cofers Chapel—Mrs. Edgar Parker.
Craigfield—J. D. Sullivan.
Cross Roads—Not represented.
Dunbar's Chapel—J. W. Bright.
Emanuel's Chapel—J. H. Rector.
Greenwood—Not represented.
Mt. Pleasant—C. T. Biggs.
Mt. Zion—J. T. Harris.
Midway—Garland Wagoner.
New Hope—J. T. Walker.
Oak Grove—Marion Hogue.
Oaklawn—W. B. Walker.
Oakland—George Shadowen.

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Oakwood— Andrew Underwood.
 Olivet— John Gower.
 Pleasant Hill— Represented by letter.
 Rock Spring— W. D. Proctor.
 Royal Chapel— Rev. L. Royal.
 Scotts Chapel— W. H. Baggett.
 Shady Grove— Mrs. Annie Holt.
 Shaws Chapel— Not represented.
 Smiths Grove— Not represented.
 Spring Hill— Represented by letter.
 Stony Point— Not represented.

REPORT OF MINISTERS

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge,	3
Sermons preached,	95
Conversions witnessed,	6
Baptized,	8
Received into church,	5
Funerals,	8

Received from,

Brandons Chapel,	\$163.60
Olivet,	"152.0
Union Hill,	"118.01
Other Services,	"13.85
Total received,	\$447.76

J. H. Oliver.

L. Royal.

Sermons preached,	55
Conversions witnessed,	3
Prayer-meetings,	22
Received into church,	2
Sick homes visited,	83
Miles traveled,	312
Revivals assisted in,	1
Received from Columbia Church,	\$44.00
Received from other sources,	\$5.91
Total received,	\$49.91

L. Royal.

W. W. Davis.

Churches in charge,	1
Sermons preached,	38
Conversions,	10
Prayer-meetings,	5
Received into church,	3
Baptized,	7
Funerals,	3
Marriages,	1
Homes visited,	75
Miles traveled,	344
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above church,	1
Received from above church,	\$61.70
Received from other sources,	\$20.00
Total received,	\$81.70
Condition of work. Not so good as it should be.	

W. W. Davis.

W. B. Davenport.

Churches in charge, viz: Oaklawn, Bethel, Bethlehem and Good Springs,	4
Sermons preached,	100
Conversions,	141
Received into church,	134
Baptized,	114
Funerals,	6
Marriages,	3
Homes visited,	186
Miles traveled, about	1235
Revivals assisted in,	2
Revivals in above churches,	4
Received from above churches, as follows:	
Bethel,	\$175
Bethlehem,	"200.00
Oaklawn,	"199.20
Good Springs	\$100.00
Received from other sources,	" 81.95
Condition of work good. Trusting for better things in the future.	

W. B. Davenport.

A. D. DUNCAN

Churches in charge,	2
Sermons preached,	173

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Conversions witnessed,	150
Miles traveled,	225
Received for service,	\$525.00
My work is in good condition.	

A. D. Duncan.

W. T. HAGEWOOD

Churches in charge,	2
Sermons preached,	125
Prayermeetings conducted,	5
Received into church,	41
Baptized,	25
Funerals,	5
Marriages,	3
Homes visited,	75
Revivals assisted in,	5
Revivals in above churches,	1
Received from above churches,	\$45.60
Total amount received,	\$175.00
Condition of work good.	

W. T. Hagewood.

E. E. JACOBS

Churches in charge,	1
Sermons preached,	75
Conersiions witnessed,	75
Received into church,	7
Baptized,	38
Funerals	3
Organized churches,	1
Received for service,	\$110

E. E. Jacobs.

L. B. H. GREEN

Churches in charge,	2
Stony Point nine months. Scotts Chapel twelve months.	
Received into church,	34
Baptized,	17
Conversions witnessed,	41
Sermons preached,	70
Homes visited,	56
Prayers in home,	55

Funerals,	4
Marriages,	3
Received from Scotts Chapel,	\$75.00
Received from Stony Point,	\$30.20
Received from other sources,	\$105.42

L. B. H. Green.

J. W. AYERS

Sermons preached,	35
6 in Kentucky.	
4 in Georgia.	
25 around home.	
Conversions,	1
Prayers in homes,	15
Funerals,	1
Received for service,	\$15.00

J. W. Ayers.

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 Scripture 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 church.

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 Scripture, 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 morals 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 Scripture: Paul's letters 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 Lords 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. 19:16, that each individual, having been induced 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 total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for ensuing year, names of deacons and their address, names of Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary and address, 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 ruling 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.

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 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 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

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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 concurrence of two-thirds.

14. Representatives of five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of the 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, 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 the majority of the Association.

No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

No person shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother" or "bretheren" 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 decorium though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTERS

..... 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

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 financially.....

Remarks

Signed, Pastor.

P. O.

State

County

Street No.

R. R.

Churches	Clerks	Post Offices	Rec'd by Recommendation	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Experience
Antioch		Neptune	35		
Bethel	R. M. Fambrough	R. 1, Ash. City	.6		
Bethlehem	W. T. Perry	R. 1, Dover	.4		
Brandons Chapel	W. P. Luton	Nashville	76	1	1
Cofers Chapel	Martha Hopkins	R. 2, Jingo			
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson				
Cross Roads					
Dunbars Chapel	Lorin Summers	R. 4, Cumb. City	.5		
Emanuel's Chapel	M. E. Bateman	Cumb. Furnace			
Greenwood					
Good Spring	G. H. West	R. 1, Pleas. View	11		4
Heads	G. E. Gower	R. 5, Cedar Hill	25	1	
Hurricane Chapel					
Indian Mound	Emma Moery	Indian Mound	.2		
Maple Valley	A. B. Travis	Cumb. Furnace	.1		
Marrowbone	Mamie Carney	Ash. City	.8		2
Midway	Garland Wagoner	Erin	11		12
Millers Chapel	W. S. Simson	R. 2, Cheap Hill			
Mt. Hermon	Mrs. R. C. McCollom	R. 1, Cunningham	.3		
Mt. Pleasant	Ettie Dennis		.5		
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Bertha Harris	R. 2, Ash. City	.6		1
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	R. 1, Joelton	23		3
Oak Grove	E. L. Sensing	R. 2, Charlotte	13	2	
Oaklawn	C. G. Binkley	R. 1, Pleasant View	78	4	
Oakland	Henry Burgess	R. 3, Joelton			
Oakwood	W. W. Clinard	R. 5, Cedar Hill	.3	1	
Olivet	Stanley Gower	R. 1, Guthrie, Ky.			
Plesant Hill	J. W. Lewis	R. 1, Dover	.4		
Rock Spring	W. N. Mayberry	R. 1, Neptune	.6		
Royal Chapel	Lee Warren	Columbia			
Scotts Chapel	Mrs. Mary Bullard	Cumb. City	.1		3
Shady Grove	Mrs. Willie Felts	2, Hickory Point	.7		4
Shaws Chapel					
Smiths Grove					
Spring Hill	C. S. Smiley	Ridge Top	.4		
Stony Point	Mrs. Ella Lilly	R. 2, Box 69, Vanleer	.2		
Union Hill					

Proposed by Letter									
Rec'd by Restoration									
Rec'd by Recommendation									
Transferred by Request									
Deceased									
No. of Members									
Day of Meeting									
Church Property									
Paid Pastor									
Paid Assistant									
Paid for Church Extension Fund									
Paid for Minutes									
2	2	332	2	\$2000	\$175 00	\$30 00	\$46.40	\$3.00	
7	6	249	1	.1200	.197 55	.23 00		\$2.68	
1	3	150	3	.1000	.163 60	.55 13		\$2.46	
1	2	230	1-2-3-4	4000	1200 00		\$56.00	\$3.00	
1	7	31	3	.400			\$ 2.00	\$.80	
2		35	3	.2000	.122 50			\$2.00	
		52						\$2.00	
4	1	41	3	.1500	.100		\$ 2.40	\$1.50	
1	6	215	3	.1500	.158 65	100		\$2.35	
		80	1		.67 30			\$1.00	
	1	31	4	.300				\$1.03	
		25	3	.500	.60 65			\$1.60	
12		23	3					\$1.00	
		15	1	.800				\$1.30	
3	1	36	4	.600				\$1.00	
5		40	4	.500					
6	1	38	1	.2000	.131 50			\$1.50	
3	3	183	4	.2750	.163 00	.25 00	\$15.55	\$2.00	
3	2	47	2	.800	.92 70			\$1.50	
8	4	299	4	.2500	.196 20	.35 25	\$18.20	\$2.50	
3	1	35	2	.1000	.56 90			\$2.11	
		38	1	.1200		.61 00		\$1.15	
4		64	2	.1000	.152 30	.28 00	\$12.80		
6	1	194	2	.1000	.72 75	.00		\$1.00	
		176	4	.2500	.168 75	.31 25		\$3.00	
		36	1-2-3-4-5	.2500	.148 95			\$3.60	
1	3	46	2	.1000	.77 00	.00	\$ 3.40	\$1.50	
7	4	44	4	.900	.76 35	.19 16	\$ 8.80	\$1.25	
4									
2		21	1	.500	.51 75		\$ 2.90	\$1.00	
	2	52							
				.600				\$1.15	

Note: I prepared the manuscript and put it in the printing office early in Dec. but on account of the printers changing machinery, a considerable time in installing and learning to operate and manipulate the same, both the writer and the printers regret that the minutes are getting out late—too late to correct the minor mistakes.

The mistake in the "Addresses of Ministers" which will be seen on pages 16 and 17 could not be left out without incurring too much expense, but we have corrected them on this page.—Clerk.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

Armstrong, D. T. R. 1, Thomasville, Tenn.
Ayers, J. W. R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Boyt, G. W. R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Brake, J. Cumberland City, Tenn.
Brown, W. A. McClean Station, R. 7, Nashville, Tenn.
Castile, W. M. R. 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R. R. 1, 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 St. Nashville, Tenn.
Elliott, J. R. R. 2, Charlotte, Tenn.
Free, E. M. Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W. K. 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. T. R. 1, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Horner, J. W. 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. Dover, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H. R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M. 1047-29th Ave. N. Nashville, Tenn.
Rodgers, W. M. Nashville, Tenn.
Royal, L. 202 Carpenter St. Columbia, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. G. R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Welch, J. L. 1610 Arthur Ave. Nashville, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Bagwell, James, R. 1, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Beard, L. A. R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Boyte, J. W. Nashville, Tenn.
Burgess, A. J. Tennessee City, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar, Nashville, Tenn.
Davis Homer, Nashville, Tenn.
Hembree, F. A. R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
Polston, G. W. Nashville, Tenn.
Simpkins, F. M. Ashland City, Tenn.

