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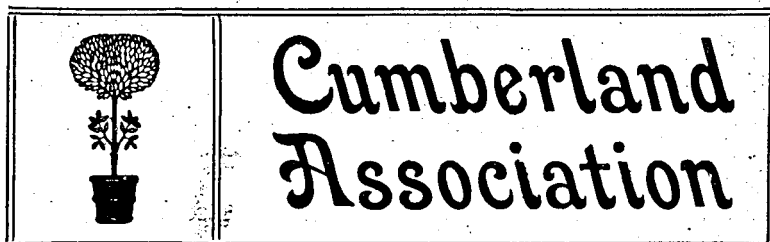
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Election of officers.
4. Reading letters from various Churches.
5. Appointment of Committee to Arrange Committees.
6. Calling for petitionary letters.
7. Calling for corresponding letters from Associations of Churches.
8. Adjournment.

Thursday

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
4. Hearing reports from Standing Committees.
5. Hearing reports from Special mMmiöö--ö|
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-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of Freewill Baptist met with Heads Church, Robertson County, Tenn., October 18th, 1922.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m., by Rev. J. L. Welch. Text: Gen. 3: 4.

Wednesday Afternoon

The Association was called to order by the Moderator Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Organized as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Moderator and Rev. A. D. Duncan, assistant.

Mamie Moery was elected Clerk and Rev. J. H. Oliver, Assistant.

Bro. G. W. Fambrough was elected Treasurer.

On motion we invite Bro. D. B. Sassor, delegate from the General Conference of Freewill Baptist of North Carolina, to set in council with us.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following to arrange the different committees, viz: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. G. E. Gower and Rev. E. F. Miles.

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

The Committee on appointment of committees reported as follows:

DEVOTIONAL—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, George Stack, J. R. Gower.

TEMPERANCE—G. T. Harris, Rev. E. F. Miles, G. W. Bright.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Scott Nicholson.

FINANCE—L. O. Burroughs, Mrs. Emma Moery, Rev. W. W. Davis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—J. C. Wall, W. W. Clinard, D. B. Sassor.

OBITUARIES—Rev. C. H. Pickle, Rev. G. W. Sullivan, Rev. L. B. H. Green.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE—G. W. Fambrough, Rev. J. L. Welch, J. H. Oliver.

PETITION AND REQUEST—R. R. Gower, Rev. G. E. Pruitt, Rev. G. E. Gower.

Report of committee was received and adopted.

Corresponding letters were called for. None received.

On motion the business hours were fixed as follows: Meet at 9:00 a. m. for business; adjourn for devotional service at 11:00 a. m. Meet at 1:00 p. m., and adjourn at the pleasure of the body.

We then adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by L. O. Burroughs.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion we adopt a Miscellaneous Committee and appoint Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Chairman; G. W. Fambrough, J. L. Welch.

Report of Committee on Temperance received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries received and adopted. Letters were read that were not received yesterday.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education and Literature received and adopted.

Adjourned for devotional service.

We were royally entertained at 11:00 a. m. with an eloquent sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch.

Thursday Afternoon

House called to order by Assistant Moderator. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

On motion we dispense of the regular order of business and hear the report of the Ladies' Aid.

On motion we approve of the action taken by the Educational Board and the Ladies Aid Convention in combining the Educational Board and Orphanage drives into one campaign for thirty-five thousand dollars.

On motion we dispense with the regular order of business and invite Mr. D. B. Sassor, delegate from the General Conference of North Carolina, to make a talk on Educational and Orphanage work. His talk was very inspiring.

Report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions received and adopted.

We adjourned until 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer led by Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. A. D. Duncan were appointed to represent us in the next session of General Conference.

The following resolutions were received and adopted:

Be it Resolved, That this Association tender a vote of thanks to this good people around Heads Church for the royal entertainment they have given this Association during its setting. And also in the same act vote our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality of the good homes of this community and surrounding country.

Resolved, That George Hyde be elected as Trustee to represent us in the Union Church at Coopertown, Tenn., of which we own one-fourth interest in same.

Be it further Resolved, That all the ordained preachers be asked to meet together in private consultation for organization Tuesday before the next setting of the Association.

On motion we reconsidered the report of the Committee on Home Missions and left it to the Mission Board to appoint the Missionary.

The report of the Treasurer was received and adopted.

On motion we elected the members of the Home Mission Board as follows: Rev. J. L. Welch to serve five years. W. B. Davenport to serve four years. W. F. Felts to serve three years. Rev. J. H. Oliver to serve two years, and G. W. Fambrough to serve one year.

We adjourned for devotional service.

We were royally entertained by Rev. D. T. Armstrong and had a real feast of the presence of Holy Ghost religion, there being much shouting and rejoicing.

Friday Afternoon

House called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. J. L. Welch was selected to represent us at the next State Convention of North Carolina.

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

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

On motion Rev. J. E. Hudgens was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, with Rev. W. B. Davenport his alternate.

The report of Committee on Finance received and adopted.

On motion Mamie Moery was chosen to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that she be allowed \$20.00 for her service.

On motion we extend to Bro. D. B. Sassor a rising vote of thanks for his presence in our midst and the assistance he has given us.

Adjourned to meet with Brandon's Chapel Church in Stewart County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1923, organize at 10:00 a. m., have the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 a. m., and then meet for business at 1:00 p. m.

J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

MISS MAMIE MOERY, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Devotional

We, your Committee on Devotional Services, beg to submit the following report:

Wednesday, at 11:00 a. m.—Rev. J. L. Welch, Text: Gen. 4-3.

Wednesday Night—Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Thursday, at 11:00 a. m.—Rev. J. L. Welch.

Thursday Night—Rev. A. D. Duncan, followed by Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Friday, at 11:00 a. m.—Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Friday Night—Rev. S. B. B. Holt.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

GEORGE STACK.

J. R. GOWER.

Temperance

We, as a Freewill Baptist denomination see the great evil that the whiskey makers and sympathizers are bringing on our people; undermining and destroying the morals of our young as well as the old, and the business knows no bounds to which it would not go to destroy our nation, our homes, our lives and our souls.

As our nation has outlawed it and as it is a violation to make or drink it; Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a church denounce this soul destroying evil. We insist that our members be law abiding citizens, to stand for law and order. We as a Church should outlaw the drink in our homes and in our hearts. Be it further

Resolved, That each and every preacher is hereby asked to preach a Temperance Sermon once during the year, outlawing the stuff in the church and community, and enthroning Temperance and Christianity in its stead.

E. F. MILES.

G. F. HARRIS.

J. W. BRIGHT.

Home and Foreign Missions

We, your Committee on Home and Foreign 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 instead of twenty cents per member, that it be twenty-five cents at least. And we earnestly insist that the pastors do all in their power to raise this money.

(4) We recommend that the Home Mission Board elect a Home Missionary and that he be paid out of the Home Mission treasury for such sums that may be agreed upon if he does the work. And he be requested to go to such churches that need assistance.

(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 interest may demand.

We earnestly insist that we do all we can to help the Foreign Mission work that was started last year.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

A. D. DUNCAN.

W. S. NICHOLSON.

Sunday Schools

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows:

We urge our pastors and laity to study and practice the recommendations offered by the Sunday School Committee at our last Association, as they are very practical, useful and good.

We recommend that our Sunday School leaders put forth a special effort to reach those not interested in Sunday Schools by visiting, inviting and encouraging them to become active in the work.

We further recommend and urge our teachers to study harder to prepare themselves for the great task to which they have been called, in as much as the destiny of souls many times depends on them. No Sunday School can get higher than its teacher.

D. B. SASSOR.

W. W. CLINARD, JR.

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 laymen have passed away since our last session, and we commend the sorrow and stricken relatives to Him who doeth all things well.

L. B. H. GREEN.

G. W. SULLIVAN.

C. H. PICKLE.

Education

Inasmuch as the efforts of the Educational Board has made a good degree of progress in assisting a number of our young ministers and one of our older ministers in school work,

and that a large amount of money has already been subscribed to the Educational Orphanage Campaign, we, your committee, beg leave to make the following recommendations:

First—That the Board of Education be retained and instructed to carry out the program outlined for them last year.

Second—That a special effort be made to get each church to subscribe its quota.

Third—That any young man aspiring to the Gospel ministry, take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Board of Education before presenting himself for ordination.

LITERATURE

First—That we continue to insist on the use of our own song books, Sunday School literature and denominational papers by all of our churches and people.

Second—That we approve of the plans of the General Conference to get out literature for the Freewill Baptist League.

Third—That we urge the Board of Education to begin its colportage and free tract work as quickly as possible.

J. L. WELCH.

J. H. OLIVER.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following for your consideration: Whereas, all well governed religious institutions must have a good and profitable system of Finance and a good system common to all alike to each church, we would therefore recommend:

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—We can see that our churches have suffered on account of the weak system of financing, and we would therefore recommend that you elect a committee composed of three members; one to be a Chairman, one Secretary, but this committee when elected, shall elect a Chairman and Secretary from their members, and the duty of the committee shall be to get a report from each church quarterly, through its Chairman and Secretary, and offer such suggestions as may seem 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 Associa-

tional funds, and find the same to be correct. We also find \$42.83 collected for Minutes of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. BURROUGHS.
MRS. EMMA MOERY.
W. W. DAVIS.

Report of Ladies' Aid

The State Convention of Ladies' Aid Societies met in its Third Annual Session with New Hope Church, September 20 and 21, 1922, and had a most helpful and pleasant time. As the organization is young, it has not been able so far to do so much, but the outlook for bigger things is very bright. All the societies made a splendid report of progress in spiritual and financial matters.

The Convention decided to support the little paper, "Words of Life," this coming year until it can get on firm footing.

The officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. G. E. Felts, President; Mrs. Fred Polston, Vice-President; Miss Mary Patton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. George Harris, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Gladys Felts, Joelton, Tenn., R. 1, State Organizer; Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer; Miss Mary Patton, Field Worker.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Fred Polston, Chairman; Mrs. Norman Maxey, Mrs. Nora Walker, Mrs. Floyd Swann, Mrs. Miles Gower, Mrs. Martha Hudgens, Mrs. Myrtle Sanders,

Our delegates appointed to represent us in the meeting of our Association at Heads Church are: Mrs. Edgar Parker, Mrs. W. M. White, and Mrs. J. L. Welch.

We ask the continued help and support of the members of the Association.

STATE CONVENTION OF LADIES' AID SOCIETIES,
Per MRS. J. L. WELCH.
MRS. EDGAR PARKER.
MRS. W. W. WHITE.

Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS.	
To amount from last report.....	\$48 76
To amount sales disciplines.....	75
Total.....	\$49 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

By dues to National Convention.....\$10 00

Balance.....\$39 51

REPORT OF TREASURER ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To amount from last report.....\$15 46

Bethel.....14 00

Oaklawn.....6 00

Good Spring.....3 20

Shady Grove.....7 25

Bethlehem.....75

Total.....\$32 66

REPORT OF TREASURER ON EDUCATIONAL AND ORPHANAGE.

	AMT. PLEDGED	AMT. PAID
Bethel Church.....	\$ 3,275 00	\$ 24 70
Oaklawn Church.....	1,450 00	485 00
Bethlehem Church.....	1,547 20	216 20
Mt. Zion Church.....	3,450 00	200 00
Cofer' Chapel.....	5,470 00	-----
Olivet Church.....	10 00	10 00
Good Spring Church.....	105 00	15 20
Amount.....	\$15,244 20	\$1,068 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

By G. W. Polston and wife, School to N. C.....\$ 344 44

By J. H. Oliver, School to Dover, Tenn.....210 00

By expense of advertisement.....100 00

By expense Bank Book and Ledger.....3 06

\$657 50

Total.....\$511 24

REPORT OF TREASURER ON HOME MISSIONS.

To amount from last report.....\$418 01

Oaklawn.....24 00

Good Spring.....1 60

Shady Grove.....7 20

Bethlehem.....20 25

Bethel.....39 00

Emanuel Chapel.....2 00

Indian Mound.....3 00

Craigfield.....1 20

Mt. Zion.....3 25

Marrowbone.....	4 00
Oak Grove.....	7 40
Royal Chapel.....	1 00
Cofers Chapel.....	40 00
Scott Chapel.....	5 20
Olivet.....	2 65
Total.....	\$577 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

By A. D. Duncan, Mission to Columbia.....	60 00
By Expenses Delegate to N. C.....	50 00
Total.....	\$110 00
Balance.....	\$467 89

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct:

L. O. BURROUGHS.

MRS. EMMA MOERY.

W. W. DAVIS.

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 met at the close of the Association. Rev. D. T. Armstrong was chosen Moderator and G. W. Fambrough, Clerk.

The following were appointed Ordaining Council: Rev. J. L. Welch, J. E. Hudgens, A. D. Duncan, E. F. Miles and G. M. Pruitt.

On motion Homer Davis is dropped from the Licentiate list.

On motion the following committee was appointed to investigate why some of the preachers are not in active service, viz: Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. J. L. Welch, and G. T. Harris.

On motion we drop Rev. Jacobs from the Ministerial list, and he be required to return his credentials.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens was appointed to find out about the business at Cross Roads.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows: Bro. Jas. C. Bagwell's ordination is deferred and further study and preparation is recommended.

We recommend that Rev. J. W. Clouse's credentials be ratified by this Presbytery.

Ordered that the name of Rev. W. B. Waggoner be re-entered on our ministerial list.

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

REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG, Moderator.
G. W. FAMBROUGH, Clerk.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Armstrong, D. T.	R. 1, Thomasville, Tenn.
Ayers, J. W.	R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Boyte, 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. R.	R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Duncan, A. D.	1601 9th 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.
Holt, S. B. B.	R. 6, Box 148, Nashville, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	R. 1, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Horner, J. W.	R. 1, Dickson, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Miles, E. F.	R. 1, Cheap Hill, Tenn.

Oliver, J. H.	R. 6, Clarksville, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H.	R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	12 West Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Rodgers, W. M.	Nashville, Tenn.
Royal, L.	202 Carpenter Street, 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, G. W.	Nashville, Tenn.
Burgess, A. J.	Tennessee City, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar	Nashville, Tenn.
Hembree, F. A.	R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
Polston, G. W.	Nashville, Tenn.
Simpkins, F. M.	Ashland City, Tenn.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Antioch—Not Represented.
 Bethel—W. D. Nicholson.
 Bethlehem—J. V. Eatherby.
 Brandon's Chapel—D. M. Morgan.
 Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs.
 Craigfield—W. H. Stimson.
 Cross Roads—Not Represented.
 Dunbar Chapel—F. A. Hember.
 Emanuel's Chapel—Jim Gilliam.
 Greenwood—Not Represented.
 Mt. Pleasant—Frank Cagle.
 Mt. Zion—J. M. Walker.
 Midway—Louis Weaver.
 New Hope—J. T. Walker.
 Oak Grove—J. B. Hampton.
 Oaklawn—T. B. Ellis.
 Oakland—William Griggs.
 Oakwood—W. D. Hunter.
 Olivet—J. B. Gower.
 Pleasant Hill—Jno. Earhart.
 Rock Spring—V. B. Hegewood.
 Royal Chapel—Lee Warren.
 Scott's Chapel—Willie Jackson.
 Shady Grove—Ewing Hart.
 Shaw's Chapel—Not Represented.
 Smith's Grove—H. W. Abney.
 Spring Hill—C. S. Seneing.
 Stony Point—D. T. Waynick.
 Union Hill—Not Represented.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

J. W. AYERS.

Churches in charge	0
Sermons preached	28
Conversions witnessed	3
Baptized	3
Funerals	1
Prayer in homes	25
Miles traveled	250
Received for services	\$ 15 50

J. W. AYERS.

A. D. DUNCAN.

Sermons preached	96
Conversions witnessed	22
Received for services	\$340 00
Marriages solemnized	5
Miles traveled	1800
Churches in charge	2

A. D. DUNCAN.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Churches in charge, viz: Bethel, Bethlehem, Oaklawn and Good Spring	4
Sermons preached	105
Conversions witnessed	39
Received into churches	22
Baptized	16
Funerals conducted	9
Homes visited	200
Miles traveled	1485
Revivals assisted in	4
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches as follows, viz:	
Bethel	\$178 00
Bethlehem	177 00
Oaklawn	206 85
Good Spring	100 00
From other sources	121 00

Total received \$782 85

Condition of work, spiritually and financially, very good.
Trust for better yet to come. W. B. DAVENPORT.

G. M. PRUITT.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	112

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Conversions witnessed	13
Prayer meetings conducted	56
Baptized	2
Funerals conducted	1
Marriages	1
Homes visited	100
Received from above church	\$ 10 00
Received from other sources	5 00

Total received \$ 15 00

G. M. PRUITT.

L. B. H. GREEN.

Churches in charge	2
Sermons preached	134
Conversions witnessed	107
Received in church	75
Baptized	80
Funerals conducted	7
Marriages	3
Prayers in homes	41
Miles traveled	680
Received from Scott's Chapel	\$111 83
Midway	61 83
Other sources	89 27

Total \$262 93

L. B. H. GREEN.

W. W. DAVIS.

Churches in charge	1
Sermons preached	46
Conversions witnessed	3
Received into the church	6
Baptized	3
Funerals conducted	2
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	600
Revivals assisted in	3
Held in above churches	1
Received from above churches	\$ 60 00
Received from other sources	3 77

Total \$ 63 77

Condition of work, spiritually and financially, could be better.

W. W. DAVIS.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Antioch.....	R. M. Fambrough.....	Neptune.....
Bethel.....	W. T. Perry.....	Ashland City, R. 1.....
Bethlehem.....	W. P. Lutton.....	Bumpus Mills.....
Brandon's Chapel.....	Ruth Stewart.....	Nashville.....
Cofe's Chapel.....	W. H. Stinson.....	Craigfield.....
Cross Roads.....	Mauriel Richardson.....	Cumberland City.....
Dunbar's Chapel.....	Emanuel's Chapel.....	Cumberland Furnace.....
Greenwood.....	M. E. Bateman.....	Pleasant View.....
Heads.....	G. H. West.....	Cedar Hill, R. 5.....
Hurricane Chapel.....	Adelia Burgis.....	McEwen.....
Indian Mound.....	Emma Moery.....	Indian Mound.....
Maple Valley.....	Mamie Carney.....	Ashland City.....
Marrowbone.....	W. B. Waggoner.....	Erin.....
Midway.....	Miss Murry Dorris.....	Mt. Pleasant.....
Miller's Chapel.....	Bertha Harris.....	Ashland City.....
Mt. Hermon.....	Mrs. J. J. Felts.....	Jeddon.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	E. L. Sensing.....	Charlotte, R. 3.....
New Hope.....	C. G. Binkley.....	Thomasville.....
Oak Grove.....	Henry Burgis.....	1511 23 Ave. N., Nashville.....
Oaklawn.....	W. W. Cloward.....	Cedar Hill.....
Oakwood.....	Jim Reading.....	Port Royal.....
Olivet.....	F. W. Lewis.....	Dover, R. 1.....
Pleasant Hill.....	W. N. Mayberry.....	Neptune.....
Rock Spring.....	Lee Warren.....	Columbia.....
Royal Chapel.....	Mary Bullard.....	Cumberland City.....
Scott's Chapel.....	Mrs. Willie B. Felts.....	Shady Grove.....
Shaw's Chapel.....	H. W. Abney.....	Indian Mound, R. 1.....
Smith's Grove.....	Ridge Top.....	Vanleer, R. 2, Box 69.....
Spring Hill.....	C. S. Smiley.....	
Stony Point.....	Mrs. Ella Lilley.....	
Union Hill.....		

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 Abrahams 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 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 Scripture: Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 6th chapter, 1st to 7th verses, that after a man has been partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible to ever renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again into the favor of God.

ART. 7. We believe Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are all ordinances ordained and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and the proper mode of baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of believers to attend these ordinances.

ART. 8. We believe in the general judgment and the joys of the righteous, and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 9. We believe, according to the Scriptures, 1st Cor. 19: 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 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 to print their minutes, it is expected that each church will send up such sums of money as they think proper, and when received shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and deacons who shall come with recommendations from their churches and try all ordained members for unchristian conduct,

there shall be an annual Presbytery, which shall convene at the close of the Association at the same time and place, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. Said Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applicants for ordination sent up with recommendations from their churches composing this Association; and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct and on testimony, their decision shall be final.

10. It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. Also, his duty to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11. No person shall be ordained to the ministry until he is able to fill the requirements of Paul's first letter to Timothy 3, and this be tested by the Presbytery. Said Prsebytery 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 church that walks disorderly or teaches heresy.

13. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority, except excluded churches, which shall receive a concurrence of two-thirds.

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

15. The minutes of this Association shall be read before them, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and the Clerk.

16. This Association may adjourn at any time and place it may think proper, so as to confine it among the churches composing the same.

17. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association voting in behalf of the amendment.

18. When this Association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegated by the church.

RULES OF DECORUM

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person can speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator, and the person addressing shall arise to his feet.

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by any one except the Moderator, except he violates order. The person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate, nor cast any personal reflections toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject, without leave of a majority of the Association.

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

No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother" or "brethren" in all debates.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as necessary, provided a call be made by a member of the Association.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Moderator.

Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly violate any of these rules, shall be reported by the Moderator and be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in Council, this Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

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.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

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

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

We have chosen our representative to-wit-----

Our statistics are as follows:

Received by experience-----; by letter-----;
by recommendation-----; by restoration-----;
dismissed by letter-----; excluded-----;
died-----; total number in fellowship-----;
church property valued at \$-----; our day of meeting
is-----; our pastor is

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

to pastor us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Superin-
tendent's name is-----

Our S. S. Secretary's name is-----

We send \$-----for Minutes.

This done by order of the church-----192-----

-----, Moderator.

-----, Clerk.

