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OF THE
Eightieth Annual Session

OF THE



**Cumberland
Association**

OF

FREEWILL BAPTIST

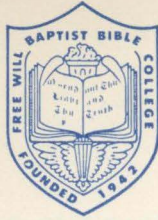
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STEWART COUNTY, TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 1923

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Clarksville, Tenn.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Robert Ellis

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We have paid our pastor \$ _____; we have

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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.

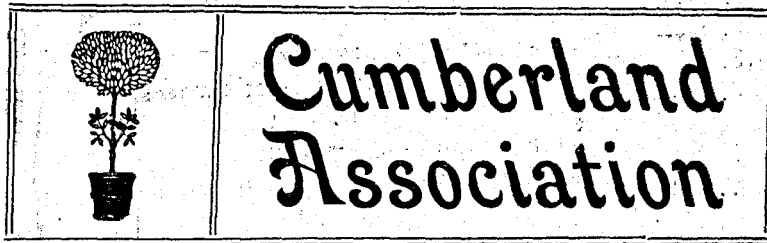
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Roll call.
3. Election of officers.
4. Appointment of Committee on Devotions.
5. Appointment of Committee to Arrange Committees.
6. Reading of letters from various Churches.
7. Reading of letters of petition and request.
8. Reading of report of "Ladies Aid."
9. Adjournment.

Thursday

1. Devotional exercises,
2. Reading of minutes of previous day.
3. Recess for committees to function.
4. Reading of various church letters and committee reports.
5. Adjournment for lunch.
6. Devotional services.
7. Roll call.
8. Various reports.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

Friday

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading of minutes of previous day.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. Adjournment.

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

The Eightieth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists met with Brandon's Chapel Church, Stewart County, Tennessee, on Wednesday, October 24th, 1923.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. W. B. Davenport. Text 1 Samuel, 17: 29.

Wednesday Afternoon

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Organization followed. Rev. J. E. Hudgens was re-elected Moderator and Rev. J. L. Welch was elected Assistant. Wm. Henry Oliver was elected Clerk and Rev. J. H. Oliver, Assistant.

On motion Rev. A. P. Rich, delegate from the General Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, was invited to sit in council with us.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Devotions: Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Chairman; Bro. J. B. Buck, Bro. G. W. Wallace.

On motion Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. J. H. Oliver and Rev. J. L. Welch were appointed as a committee to arrange the various other committees.

The reading of letters from the various churches was begun. And letters were read from the following churches: Bethel and Bethlehem.

The Committee on Devotions reported for Wednesday night. Rev. A. P. Rich was to preach at Brandon's Chapel and Rev. W. B. Davenport at Antioch School house.

The reading of church letters was resumed, and letters were read from Brandon's Chapel, Cofers' Chapel, Dunbar's Chapel, Heads, Oaklawn, Oakwood, Pleasant Hill, Scott's Chapel, and Stony Point.

Letters of petition and request were read from the West Nashville Congregation and Scott's Chapel respectively, in which the former petitioned for admission into the Cumberland Association, and the latter requested that the Association be held with them next year.

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Remarks were made by Rev. G. M. Pruitt regarding the West Nashville Congregation.

The Committee on Arrangement of Committees submitted the following report:

We, your Committee to Arrange Committees, beg leave to submit the following report:

TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. H. Oliver, Mrs. Fred Polston, George Walker.

MISSIONS—Rev. L. J. Welch, Bro. J. D. Reding, George Stack.

FINANCE—Mrs. Emma Moery, Rev. G. M. Pruitt, Bro. Rudolph Perry.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Rev. A. P. Rich.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Mrs. Anna Holt, Bro. Sam Wallace, Bro. Wheeler Fambrough.

OBITUARIES—Rev. E. M. Free, Rev. L. B. H. Green, Bro. W. M. Walker.

PETITIONS—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Bro. Ed. Brinton, Bro. J. M. Clark.

On motion the report of the Committee on Arrangement of Committees was accepted and retained throughout the Association.

The church letter was read from New Hope.

On motion Mrs. Fred Polston and Bro. Wm. Henry Oliver, representatives of the Ladies' Aid and the Free Will Baptist League respectively, were admitted as delegates.

The report of the Ladies' Aid was read.

On motion the report of the Ladies' Aid was accepted and was ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Remarks were made by Rev. J. L. Welch on the building of churches in cities; especial notice was given to the building of East Nashville Church.

A letter asking for help to build a church in Ashland City was read by the Moderator.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. on the following day.

Thursday Morning

The house was called to order at 9:00 a. m. by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgins. After singing by Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong, Rev. E. M. Free led the congregation in prayer.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

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The minutes of the previous day were read by the Clerk, Wm. Henry Oliver.

On motion the minutes were accepted, and the Clerk was commended for his accuracy.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read and adopted.

The Moderator declared a recess of fifteen minutes in order that the various committees might function.

After Recess

The report of the Committee on Education and Literature was read; and, on motion, was adopted.

The Clerk read letters from the following churches: Midway, Mount Pleasant, Spring Hill, Emmanuel's Chapel, Rock Spring, Oak Grove, Mount Zion.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missions was received and adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev. Baxter, the local Methodist pastor, was invited to sit in council with us.

Letters were read from Shady Grove and Olivet.

The Educational-Orphanage campaign was discussed by Bro. G. W. Fambrough and comments were made by the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. J. L. Welch would preach at 11:00 a. m.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 1:00 p. m.

Rev. J. L. Welch preached at 11:00 a. m. His text was Hebrews 12: 2. God blessed his servant in making the sermon a feast to the souls, and an inspiration to the hearts of those who heard it.

Thursday Afternoon

After a song by Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong, and prayer by Mrs. Fred Polston, the house was called to order by the Moderator; and, the Clerk having ascertained that a quorum was present, the Association proceeded with business.

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There was some discussion regarding the admission of the West Nashville Church.

The report of the Committee on Petitions and Requests was read, revised and adopted.

Bro. Geo. W. Fambrough was re-elected to membership on the Home Mission Board.

On motion Rev. J. E. Hudgens was chosen as one of the delegates to the General Conference to be held in South Carolina in May, 1924. Rev. D. T. Armstrong was elected as the other delegate.

On motion that the Cumberland Association continue to send a representative to the Assembly in North Carolina, and Rev. J. L. Welch was elected as this representative.

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon in 1924.

The following resolutions were received and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the church at Brandon's Chapel, and to the good people of Bumpus Mills and the surrounding country for their unbounded hospitality during this session of the Association.

Resolved, That we thank Rev. A. P. Rich of North Carolina for his valuable help, and that we cordially invite him to come again.

On motion we request our churches to send more money than they have been sending heretofore, since we have been compelled to draw on our Associational Treasury for this purpose.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read, discussed, and adopted as read.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to frame a resolution of respect and honor to the aged of the Association who were not present. The committee chosen was as follows: Rev. J. L. Welch, [Chairman; Rev. W. B. Davenport, Secretary; Rev. J. H. Oliver.

The report of the Treasurer was read, discussed and adopted.

On motion the house went into the election of a place of meeting for the 1924 session of the Association. Four places were nominated, viz: Shady Grove, Scott's Chapel, Oak Grove and Oaklawn. By a standing vote Oaklawn was elected.

The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. J. H. Oliver, assisted by Wm. Henry Oliver, would preach Thursday night; and that Rev. J. E. Hudgens would preach at 11:00 a. m. Friday.

It was announced that automobiles would meet the people at Chapmansboro next year and convey them to Oaklawn Church.

On motion the house adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning

The house was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 a. m. After the usual song service, Bro. Joe Reding led the congregation in prayer.

After the roll call, Wednesday's minutes were read and approved.

On motion Wm. Henry Oliver was chosen as alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon in 1924.

Bro. G. W. Fambrough was re-elected to the office of Treasurer.

On motion an order was accepted stating that the Clerk be authorized to superintend the printing of the minutes, that he receive \$20.00 for his services, and that whatever amount of money is lacking be borrowed from the Home Mission Board.

On motion an order was accepted whereby the amount of money raised some years ago for the purchase of a printing press was to be utilized in the building of a church at Ashland City.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to make investigation in regard to those churches which have not been sending delegates to the Association. Those appointed on this committee were, Bro. D. T. Wynick, Rev. W. R. Carrol, and Mrs. Fred Polston.

On motion the Free Will Baptist League was permitted to insert a report in the minutes.

The following resolution was received and adopted:

There being a number of our aged ministers unable because of physical condition to be present with us; and, realizing our loss by their absence: Be it

Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathy to Rev. C. H. Pickle, Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. W. M. Rogers, Rev. J. W. Ayers, and all others who are unable to be with us.

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On motion the house adjourned to meet with Oaklawn Church in Cheatham County, Tennessee, on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1924.

J. E. HUDGINS, Moderator.

WM. HENRY OLIVER, Clerk.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMME

*Wednesday at 11:00 a. m.—Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.—Rev. A. P. Rich.

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

Thursday at 7:30 p. m.—Wm. Henry Oliver, followed by Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Friday at 11:00 a. m.—

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Temperance

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

Whereas the whiskey makers and those who sympathize with the liquor traffic are bringing distress into many homes, and are destroying the morals of young and old; and whereas our nation has outlawed the liquor traffic and has made it a violation of the law to make or drink intoxicating liquors, therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a denomination continue to stand for law enforcement; that we do all in our power to place good men in office, who will enforce the law, and then do as much as possible to aid them in their work.

Be it further Resolved, That each preacher is hereby asked to preach a temperance sermon once during the year, outlawing the great evil of intemperance, and enthroning temperance and Christianity instead.

REV. J. H. OLIVER.

G. W. WALKER.

MRS. FRED POLSTON.

Missions

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to every creature throughout the whole world, and to make possible a greater evangelistic effort, we, your Committee on Missions advise the following:

First—That we call on all our churches and ministers to pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into the vineyard; and that we constantly urge the young people of our churches to surrender their lives to the Lord for active Christian service.

Second—That we more thoroughly impress upon the minds of our people the necessity of the giving of their money as the Lord requires to make possible the salvation of the world.

Third—That each pastor in our Association be required to hold at least one service annually entirely in the interest of missions and make a special effort to collect the amount apportioned each member for both Home and Foreign Missions.

Fourth—That the Mission Board continue its efforts to do mission work wherever it is most needed.

J. L. WELCH.

J. D. REDING.

G. W. STACK.

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.

W. E. FAMBROUGH.

S. C. WALLACE.

MRS. ANNA HOLT.

Obituaries

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

Since it has pleased Almighty God to call from our midst two of our brethren, Rev. G. W. Boyte and Rev. W. W. Davis, we extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy and commend them to God, who can heal the deepest wound and

ease the sorest pain, and who can comfort those who love and obey his word.

REV. L. B. H. GREEN.

WM. WALKER

REV. E. M. FREE

Education

Inasmuch as the Educational and Orphanage Board has made wonderful progress in raising a large amount of money and subscriptions from various churches, and is doing as much as possible to assist young ministers in preparing for their work, we your committee beg leave to make the following recommendations:

First—That the Board of Education be retained, and that they be instructed to carry out the program formerly outlined for them.

Second—That the Board be instructed to continue to raise funds for the Educational-Orphanage Campaign, both in cash and in subscription, and that they do all they can to get each church to take part in this work.

Third—That any young man, or any young lady, aspiring to Gospel ministry or church work take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Board of Education before presenting himself for ministerial or special work.

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 by all of our people.

Second—That we approve the literature of the Free Will Baptist League, gotten out on the plan of the General Conference, and that we commend the work of the committee. Anyone desiring this literature should address Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, N. C.

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

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

A. P. RICH.

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 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 Associational funds and find the same to be correct. We also find \$33.30 collected for minutes of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EMMA MOERY.

G. M. PRUITT.

J. R. PERRY.

Report of Ladies' Aid

The State Convention of Ladies' Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist Churches of Tennessee to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, when convened at Brandon's Chapel, Stewart County, Tennessee, October 24th, 25th and 26th, 1923.

The State Convention of Ladies' Aid Societies of Tennessee, met in its Fourth Annual Session with Oaklawn Church, October 3d and 4th, 1923, at which time the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. Edgar Parker, President, 1712 Nassau Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Vice-President.

Miss Mary Patton, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer.

Mrs. J. L. Welch, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Fred Polston, Field Worker.

Total No. Ladies' Aid Societies organized in Tennessee, 13.

Number represented at State Convention, 10, Rock Spring being the only Society not a member of the State Convention.

The following is a report of money pledged and paid on the Educational-Orphanage Campaign:

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	PLEDGED	PAID
Ashland City	\$ 400 00	\$115 10
Bethel	500 00	80 00
Bethlehem	100 00	100 00
Cufers' Chabel	1,000 00	200 00
Good Springs	00	00
Heads	150 00 (on hand to pay)	150 00
Mount Zion	1,250 00	50 00
New Hope	500 00	295 50
Oaklawn	300 00	230 00
Oakland	00	00
Olivet	00	00
Shady Grove	00	00
Total	\$ 4,200 00	\$ 1,220 60

Including \$150.00 which Heads Church has.

In addition to the money pledged and paid on the Educational-Orphanage drive, especial mention is made of the good work being done by the Ashland City Ladies' Aid Society toward raising funds for a Free Will Baptist Church at that place.

We earnestly solicit the co-operation of our pastors, to the end that we may succeed in organizing a Ladies' Aid Society in every church in the Association.

Our delegate elected to represent us at the Association at Brandon's Chapel is Mrs. Fred Polston.

State Convention of Ladies' Aid Societies,

MISS MARY PATTON, Recording Secretary.

Report of F. W. B. L.

On Sunday, July 29, 1923, delegates from several of the F. W. B. L.s met at New Hope Church for the purpose of organizing the Free Will Baptist League Convention of Tennessee.

The following Leagues were represented: New Hope Cofer's Chapel, Shady Grove, Good Springs.

Officers of the Convention were elected as follows:

President—Wm. Henry Oliver, S. P. U., Clarksville, Tenn.

Vice-President—Miss Elsie Holt, Route 1, Woodford, Tenn.

Field Worker—Miss Ruth Stewart, 1204 Forest Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Recording Secretary—Miss Gladys Felts, Joelton, Tenn.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Welch, 1610 Arthur Ave, Nashville, Tenn.

Treasurer—Mr. L. O. Burroughs, Merchants Hotel, Nashville.

On Sunday, September 30, 1923, the Executive Committee of the Free Will Baptist League Convention of Tennessee met.

at Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of making further plans and promoting the League work in general. Miss Ruth Stewart, Miss Gladys Felts, and Mr. L. O. Burroughs were appointed as a committee to formulate a Constitution and By-Laws for the Convention.

Wm. Henry Oliver was chosen to represent the Convention at the Association.

The work of the Free Will Baptist League is yet in its infancy; it is just beginning to be. We believe its further growth and development to be one of the essentials necessary for the progress of our church. Much of this will depend upon the pastors of the various churches. And we earnestly urge and entreat them to co-operate with the F. W. B. L. workers in this task of training the young people. Little things may grow to greatness; many great things once were small.

WM. HENRY OLIVER, President.

MISS GLADYS FELTS, Secretary.

MISS RUTH STEWART, Field Worker.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Associational Funds

To amount from last report.....	\$ 39 51
To amount sale of Discipline.....	15
To amount interest on deposit.....	1 16
Total.....	\$ 40 82

DISBURSEMENTS

To amount for printing minutes.....	\$ 12 69
Dues to General Conference.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 22 69
Balance.....	\$ 18 12

Foreign Missions

Oct. 20, 1923, to amount from last report.....	\$ 32 66
Cofer's Chapel.....	20 00
Oaklawn.....	4 25
Shady Grove.....	2 25
Interest on deposit.....	2 21
Balance.....	\$ 61 37

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Home Missions

To amount from last report.....	\$ 470 36
Oct. 23, by Bethel Church.....	41 20
Oct. 24, Cofer's Chapel.....	40 00
Oct. 24, New Hope.....	8 75
Oct. 24, Oaklawn.....	5 50
Oct. 24, Oak Grove.....	8 00
Oct. 24, Bethlehem.....	12 76
Oct. 24, Shady Grove.....	7 73
Oct. 25, Scott's Chapel.....	2 80
Interest on deposits.....	19 64

DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. A. D. Duncan—Mission.....	\$ 80 00
To Shady Grove Church.....	25 00
To Expenses to General Conference.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 185 00
Balance.....	\$ 431 74

Educational and Orphanage

To amount from last report.....	\$ 514 74
To Interest on deposit.....	55 69
To amount Received on Subscriptions.....	1,610 92
Total.....	\$ 2,181 35

DISBURSEMENTS

To Henry Oliver for School.....	\$ 275 00
To W. B. Davenport.....	455 00
To Oscr Davis for School.....	209 17
To J. H. Oliver.....	20 00
To amount for stamps.....	3 00
Total.....	962 17
Balance.....	1,219 18

Respectfully,

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Sec'y and Treas.

RESOLUTION OF 1916

Resolved, That the Deacons, Stewards, Secretary and Treasurer of each church who have been elected by the church shall constitute the Executive Committee and that it shall be their duty to devise plans and means by which their church shall be financed and we would further recommend that this

committee meet at the beginning of the pastoral year and estimate the total cost of financing their church, and then proportion this amount among the members of the church according to their means and ability.

Resolved, 2nd, That each pastor shall call the above mentioned committee together at the beginning of his pastoral year and instruct them as to their duty and, should the said pastor fail or neglect this duty he shall be held accountable to the next Annual Presbytery.

Resolved, 3rd, That the pastor shall be the presiding officer of the above mentioned committee.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association. On motion the former officers were retained.

The Clerk was instructed to remove from the ministerial list the names of those who have passed away during the year, viz: G. W. Boyte and W. W. Davis.

A call was made for petitions but none were received.

In as much as several of those having their names on the ministerial list have for some time remained inactive, it was decided on motion that these inactive ministers be notified, and that a year be given them in which to resume their duties as ministers; and that the names of those who do not go back to work during this time be dropped from the ministerial list. This was to apply to both ordained ministers and licentiates.

It was decided on motion that we should have printed credentials and license.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at close of next Association.

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.—McClellan Station, R. 7, Nashville, Tenn.

Castile, W. M.—R. 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.

Carroll, W. R.—R. 1, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Clouse, J. W.—R. 12, Robson Street, West, Nashville, 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.

Elliot, 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. 1, Woodford, Tenn.
 Pickle, C. H.—R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
 Pruitt, G. M.—12 West Street, Nashville, Tenn.
 Rogers, W. M.—Nashville, Tenn.
 Royal, L.—202 Carpenter Street, Columbia, Tenn.
 Sullivan, W. B.—R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
 Waggoner, W. B.—Erin, 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.
 Burgess, A. J.—Tennessee City, Tenn.
 Hembree, F. A.—R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
 Oliver, Wm. Henry—S. P. U., Clarksville, Tenn.
 Polston, G. W.—Nashville, Tenn.
 Simpkins, F. M.—Ashland City, Tenn.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Antioch—Not Represented.
 Bethel—Rudolph Perry.
 Bethlehem—J. T. Eatherly.
 Brandon's Chapel—S. C. Wallace.
 Cofer's Chapel—Mrs. Fred Polston.
 Craigfield—Not Represented.
 Cross Roads—Not Represented.
 Dunbar's Chapel—Ed. H. Brinton.
 Emanuel's Chapel—Jim Gilliam.
 Greenwood—Not Represented.
 Heads—G. W. Stack.
 Mt. Pleasant—F. B. Cagle.
 Mt. Zion—G. S. Read.
 Midway—J. B. Burns.
 New Hope—J. T. Walker.
 Oak Grove—F. W. Wicks.
 Oaklawn—Geo. Walker.
 Oakland—Not Represented.
 Oakwood—C. T. Hunter.

Olivet—J. D. Reding.
 Pleasant Hill—Frank Earhart.
 Pleasant View—O. W. Bilbrey.]
 Rock Spring—W. H. Patterson.
 Royal Chapel—Not Represented.
 Scott's Chapel—Mrs. Mary Bullard.
 Shady Grove—Mrs. Anna Holt.
 Shaw's Chapel—Not Represented.
 Smith's Grove.—Not Represented
 Spring Hill—J. A. Spain.
 Stony Point—D. T. Waynick.
 Union Hill—Not Represented.
 West Nashville—Miss Pauline Powell.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Churches in Charge, viz: Stony Point, Pleasant Hill, Brandon's Chapel, Dunbar's Chapel.....	4
Conversions witnessed.....	18
Received into church.....	20
Baptized.....	18
Funerals conducted.....	3
Revivals held in above churches.....	5
Received from above churches as follows:	
Brandon's Chapel.....	\$ 147 60
Dunbar's Chapel.....	68 68
Pleasant Hill.....	29 00
Stony Point.....	Unknown.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

Churches in charge, viz: Bethel, Bethlehem, Oaklawn, Good Springs.....	4
Sermons preached.....	120
Conversions witnessed.....	37
Received into church.....	10
Baptized.....	19
Funerals conducted.....	6
Marriages solemnized.....	1
Homes visited.....	130
Miles traveled.....	2000
Revivals assisted in.....	5
Revivals held in above churches.....	4
Received from above churches as follows:	
Bethel.....	\$ 112 50
Bethlehem.....	\$ 210 00

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Oaklawn.....	173 49
Good Springs.....	100 00
Received from other sources.....	187 20

Total received.....\$ 783 19

Condition of work spiritually and financially, fairly good
but I'm trusting for better things yet to come.

W. B. DAVENPORT,

L. B. H. GREEN.

Churches in charge, viz: Spring Hill and Emmanuel's

Chapel.....	2
Sermons preached.....	91
Received into church.....	7
Baptized.....	2
Funerals conducted.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	4
Homes visited.....	123
Prayers in homes.....	100
Miles traveled.....	1450
Received from above churches.....	\$ 116 78
Received from other sources.....	83 20

Total amount received.....\$ 199 98

The most of my work has been mission work; and the Lord
has blessed my efforts. I hope to do more in the future.

L. B. H. GREEN.

W. T. HAGEWOOD.

Sermons preached.....	150
Conversions witnessed.....	28
Prayer meetings conducted.....	5
Received into church.....	15
Baptized.....	20
Funerals conducted.....	3
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Revivals assisted in.....	5
Revivals held in churches.....	4
Received from churches.....	\$ 140 00
Received from other sources.....	37 00

Total amount received.....\$ 177 00

Condition of work: Good spiritually, bad financially.

W. T. HAGEWOOD.

G. M. PRUITT.

Church in charge, viz: West Nashville.....	1
Sermons preached.....	100

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Conversions witnessed.....	6
Prayer meetings conducted.....	42
Baptized.....	4
Funerals conducted.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	1
Homes visited.....	75
Miles traveled.....	200
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals held in above churches.....	2
Received from above churches for services.....	\$ 10 00
Received from other sources.....	400 00

Total received.....\$ 410 00
 Condition of work, spiritually and financially, good.
 G. M. PRUITT.

W. B. WAGGONER.

Churches in charge, viz: Hurricane Chapel.....	1
Sermons preached.....	29
Prayer meetings conducted.....	10
Funerals conducted.....	1
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Homes visited.....	25
Miles traveled.....	564
Revivals held in above churches.....	1
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Total amount received for services.....	\$ 26 05

W. B. WAGGONER.

J. L. WELCH.

Chjrches in charge, viz: Cofer's Chapel.....	1
Sermons preached.....	145
Conversions witnessed.....	60
Prayer meetings conducted.....	43
Received into church.....	71
Baptized.....	21
Funerals conducted.....	8
Marriages solemnized.....	12
Miles traveled.....	5108
Revivals assisted in.....	4
Revivals held in above churches.....	1
Received from above churches for services.....	\$ 1,200 00
Received from other sources.....	453 00

Total received.....\$ 1,653 00
 Condition of work, spiritually and financially, good.
 J. L. WELCH.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	Rec'd by Experience	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Transferred by Letter	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	Paid for Minutes
Antioch			8					1		209	2	\$2,000 00	112 56	\$19 65	\$3 00
Bethel	R. M. Fambrough	Neptune	8					4		234	1	1,200 00	210 50	\$18 00	2 00
Bethlehem	C. F. Read	Ashland City	16					1		171	3	1,000 00	147 60		2 00
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Luton	Bumpus Mill	18	5	2			1		301	each	4,000 00	120 00	140 00	3 00
Cofer's Chapel	Miss Ruth Stewart	Nashville, 1204 Forest ave.				2		1							
Craigfield															
Cross Roads															
Dunbar's Chapel	Ed. H. Brinton	Cumberland City	1					5		29	4	2,000 00	68 68		2 00
Emanuel's Chapel	M. E. Bateman	Cumberland Furnace								42	4	3,000 00	35 71		1 25
Greenwood															
Good Spring	G. E. Gover	Cedar Hill, R. 5	2			1		1		231	3	1,500 00	95 45		3 00
Hedges															
Hurricane Chapel															
Indian Mound															
Maple Valley															
Marrowbone															
Midway	Mrs. Rosa Weaver	Erin	2							28	3		20 50		1 25
Miller's Chapel															
Mt. Hermon															
Mt. Pleasant	F. B. Cagle	Mt. Pleasant	5							57	1	1,500 00	11 80		1 00
Mt. Zion	Bertha Harris	Ashland City	22	4						62	1	2,000 00	104 00	35 11	
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton	2			3		2		180	4	2,500 00	124 00	25 60	2 50
Oak Grove	P. W. Wicks	Charlotte R. R. 1			1					32	2	800 00	78 35		1 50
Oakland	Henry Burgess	Nashville, 1511 22 ave. N.						1		37	2	1,000 00	60 00		1 50
Oaklawn	C. G. Binkley	Thomasville				2		1		298	4	2,500 00	173 49	15 40	1 25
Oakwood	W. W. Cloward	Cedar Hill, R. 5, Box 84								30	1	1,500 00	39 61		1 00
Olivet	Jas. B. Reding	Port Royal	1					2		66	2	1,000 00	110 00	90 00	1 00
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Lewis	Dover, R. 1	2							150	2	800 00	28 00	3 06	2 00
Pleasant View	G. H. West	Pleasant View								51	2	1,500 00	100 00	21 20	
Rock Spring	W. H. Maberry	Neptune, R. 1								176	2	2,500 00	101 55		1 00
Royal Chapel	Lee Warren	Columbia				1		4		40	4	1,000 00	41 30		1 50
Scott's Chapel	Mrs. Mary Bullard	Cumberland City	47		1			7		85	1	1,000 00	57 88	22 00	1 00
Shady Grove	Willie B. Felts	Shady Grove				2				47	4	1,000 00	65 00	13 50	1 00
Shaw's Chapel															
Smith's Chapel															
Spring Hill	I. A. Spain	Ridge Top	2	4				1		17	1	500 00	44 26	6 00	
Story Point	Ella Lilly	Vanleer, R. 2, Box 69						1		49	1	600 00			1 00
Union Hill															
West Nashville	Mrs. Sara Hand	West Nashville, R. 12	37	3						30	each	1,500 00			1 00

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.

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one vote; and each church having more than fifty members shall have one vote for the first fifty, and one vote for every additional fifty members or fraction thereof. These votes shall be cast by one delegate from each of the various churches and this delegate shall be duly elected by the church to cast these votes. A roll call shall be made on all important questions when desired.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration, number dismissed by letter, excluded, died since last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for ensuing year, names of deacons and their addresses, names of Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary and addresses, enrollment of Sunday School, and also amount collected since last Association, and amount paid out to pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to any other expenses may have had, and amount left in treasury.

3. All subordinate churches shall be subject to the rulings of this Association.

4. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper code of rules which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

5. They may elect a Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer from among themselves, and they shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except withdrawn by consent.

7. New churches may be received into the union, who shall petition by letter or delegate, if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking according to the gospel order.

8. This Association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the amount of money sent by each church; and in order to enable the Association to print their minutes, it is expected that each church will send up such sums of money as they think proper, and when received shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and deacons who shall come with recommendations from their churches, and try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, there shall be an annual Presbytery, which shall convene at

the close of the Association at the same time and place, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. Said Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applications for ordination sent up with 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.

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.

