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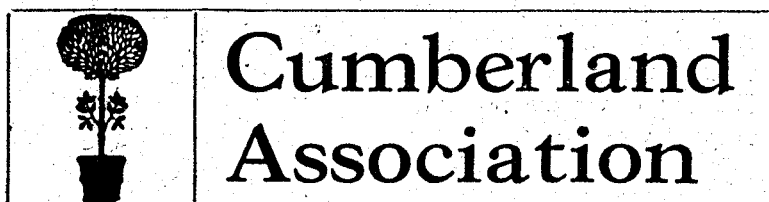
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Roll call.
3. Election of officers.
4. Appointment of Devotional Committee.
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 various reports.
9. Adjournment.

Thursday

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

Friday

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

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

The Eighty-First Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church met with Oak Lawn Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 22, 1924.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 a. m. by W. Henry Oliver. Subject: "Christianity's Conquering March." Text: Acts I: 8.

Wednesday Afternoon

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens. The Clerk ascertained that a quorum was present, and organization followed.

Rev. A. D. Duncan was elected Moderator, and Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Assistant Moderator. Wm. Henry Oliver was re-elected Clerk, and Rev. J. H. Oliver, Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following Devotional Committee: Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Bro. Pete Ellis, Bro. S. C. Balthrop.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to appoint a Chairman for each of the various committees: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. A. D. Duncan would preach at 7:30 p. m.; and that Rev. J. E. Hudgens would preach at 11:00 a. m. Thursday.

Church letters were read from Bethel, Cofer's Chapel, Emanuel's Chapel, Good Spring, Head's, Midway, Miller's Chapel, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oakland, Rock Spring, Scott's Chapel, Shady Grove, Stony Point, West Nashville.

The committee which had been appointed to appoint a Chairman for each of the various committees reported as follows:

Temperance—G. T. Harris.

Missions—W. B. Davenport.

Finance—W. B. Walker.

Education—L. O. Burroughs.

Sunday School—Watkins Clinard.

Obituaries—W. S. Simpson.

Petitions and Requests—G. W. Fambrough.

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On motion this report was adopted and an order was passed stating that these chairmen should serve for the following year, including the 1925 sitting of the Association. Thursday a. m. a motion was introduced to recant, revoke or annul this order. Action was deferred until Friday a. m., at which time the motion was defeated, but another motion was passed amending the order to the effect that the chairmen of the various committees be retained only until the next sitting of the Association and that they be required to hand in their reports then.

The report of the Ladies' Aid was read, received and adopted and an order was passed whereby this report should appear in the minutes. (See Report No. 1.)

The Educational and Orphanage work was discussed.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning

The house was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan. Devotional exercises consisted of song service led by Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Church letters were read from Bethlehem, Brandon's Chapel, Dunbar's Chapel, Oakwood and Olivet.

On motion Mrs. Fred Polston, Miss Ruth Stewart, and Mrs. H. V. Slack, representing the Ladies' Aid, Free Will Baptist League, and East Nashville, respectively, were invited to sit in council with us.

The report of the Committee on Missions (see Report No. two) was read, discussed and adopted with the following amendment: That it be recommended to the various churches that each member pay one dollar for missions.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Rev. W. M. Rogers preached the eleven o'clock sermon. Subject: "The Second Coming of Christ."

Thursday Afternoon

The house was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan.

The roll was called by the Clerk; and, a quorum being present, the Association was declared open for business.

Rev. J. L. Welch gave an excellent report from the General

Conference. On motion this report was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes. (See Report No. three.)

The report of the Committee on Education and Literature was read, received, and adopted. (See Report No. four.)

The church letter from Oak Grove was read.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, received and adopted (see Report No. five); after which Bro. W. W. Clinard made a talk on Sunday School work.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, received and adopted. (See report No. six.)

A motion was passed stating that the Moderator should appoint the two delegates to the General Conference. Those appointed were Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

A motion was passed stating that the expenses of these delegates be borne by the Association, and that the Association draw the necessary amount from the Home Mission Board in case the Associational Treasury should be insufficient.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint someone to take the place of either or both of the delegates who should be unable to go.

On motion the Association approved the efforts being put forth toward forming a State Convention, and Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen as our representative in this work.

On motion the Moderator appointed two others to work, advise and serve with Rev. J. L. Welch in this matter. Those appointed were Bro. G. T. Harris and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

The Committee on Devotions reported that Rev. J. E. Hudgens would preach at 7:30 p. m.; and that Rev. J. L. Welch would preach at 11:00 a. m. Friday.

The Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning

After devotional exercises consisting of song service, and prayer led by Rev. J. E. Hudgens, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan. The Clerk called the roll and found a quorum present.

Thursday's minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Fred Polston made a talk concerning the East Nashville work.

The East Nashville report (see Report No. seven) was read. This report was received and a motion of commendation passed.

Plans for Fifth Sunday Union Meetings and for an Institute for Workers were discussed by Bro. L. O. Burroughs, Rev. J. H. Oliver, and Rev. A. D. Duncan.

On motion the Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the work of dividing the Association into districts for the Union services. Those appointed were Bro. G. T. Harris, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Oliver, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough. (See Report No. eight.)

On motion the Association approved the plan for a Christian Workers' Institute.

On motion a committee was appointed to arrange for a time and a program for this Institute. Those appointed were Bro. L. O. Burroughs, Bro. Johnny Matthews, and Miss Alice Gower. (See Report No. nine.)

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Rev. J. L. Welch preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon.

Friday Afternoon

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan, and after devotional exercises proceeded with business.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. (See Report No. ten.)

Talks were made on Free Will Baptist League Work by Miss Ruth Stewart, Rev. J. E. Hudgins, and Bro. L. O. Burroughs.

On motion the Association went into the election of a place for its next annual meeting. Shady Grove and Mount Zion were nominated. Mt. Zion was elected.

On motion a resolution was received and adopted which read as follows: 1. That the pastor of each church be requested to collect five dollars from each church of this Association and turn same in to the Associational Treasurer for Associational Funds. 2. That Wm. Henry Oliver superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes of this Association, and that he be paid ten dollars for his services.

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The report of the Committee which had been appointed to arrange for the Christian Workers' Institute was read, amended and adopted. (See report No. eleven.)

On motion Rev. J. H. Oliver was chosen to preach the introductory sermon in 1925.

Rev. J. H. Oliver was reappointed to membership on the Home Mission Board.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Mt. Zion Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1925.

J. E. HUDGINS, Moderator.

WM. HENRY OLIVER, Clerk.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 11:00 a. m.	Wm. Henry Oliver.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.	Rev. A. D. Duncan.
Thursday, 11:00 a. m.	Rev. W. M. Rogers.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m.	Rev. J. E. Hudgens.
Friday, 11:00 a. m.	Rev. J. L. Welch.

REPORTS

(Number One.)

Report of the Ladies' Aid

To the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church when convened at Oak Lawn, Cheatham County, Tennessee, October 22, 23, 24, 1924.

We have chosen our representative to-wit: Mrs. Fred Polston.

Ladies' Aid Societies organized as follows: Cofer's Chapel, New Hope, Mt. Zion, Good Springs, Shady Grove, Oak Lawn, Oakland, Bethel, Bethlehem, Ashland City, Rock Spring.

Finance—Collected during the year:

Heads	\$ 156 25
Cofer's Chapel	637 34
Oak Lawn	95 00
Rock Spring	83 20

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Bethlehem.....	70 45
Ashland City.....	291 66
Bethel.....	188 52
Good Springs.....	4 85
Mt. Zion.....	214 76
New Hope.....	17 0

Total Collection for 1924.....\$ 1,759 03

Report of State Treasurer Orphanage Funds of L. A. S.
of Tennessee:

Mt. Zion.....	\$ 100 00
Heads.....	60 00
Ashland City.....	144 00
Bethlehem.....	38 00
Cofer's Chapel.....	200 00
Oak Lawn.....	92 00
From G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer Educational Orphanage Fund.....	741 50
New Hope.....	133 93
Interest on Deposit.....	36 00

Total.....\$ 1,545 98

Sick calls made.....1,250

We respectfully submit this report Oct. 1, 1924.

MRS. ED PARKER, Pres.
MISS MARY PATTON, Sec'y.

(Number Two)

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, which is at least one dollar per member.

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

W. B. DAVENPORT.

G. M. PRUITT.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

Number Three)

General Conference

(This report, which we are not able to insert in the minutes showed the steady progress being made by the General Conference, and the important part being played by representatives of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.)

(Number Four)

Education and Literature

We your Committee on Education 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 Sunday School literature; and furthermore, that we recommend the use of our Song Books in all of our churches.

Second—That we approve the literature of the Free Will Baptist League, and urge our churches to support the F. W. B. L. work, as this is the training service of the church.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

J. H. OLIVER.

W. W. CLINARD, JR.

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(Number Five)

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 that our Superintendents and teachers meet new students and visitors with a hand shake and a hearty welcome to their classes and school.

We further urge that our Superintendents and teachers inquire as to the absence of Sunday School members, that they write a card of sympathy in case of illness or sorrow, and that they cordially invite them back to Sunday School.

We further recommend the Free Will Baptist Literature published at Ayden, N. C.

We further advise our Superintendents and teachers to investigate the David C. Cook literature for the purpose of obtaining helpful literature that our Publishing Co. does not handle.

We further urge that the pastor of each church take an active part in Sunday School Work.

W. W. CLINARD, JR.

J. H. OLIVER.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

(Number Six)

Temperance

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

We, as a Free Will Baptist Denomination, see the great evil that the whiskey makers and sympathizers are bringing upon 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 of the law 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, standing for law and order. We, as a church, should outlaw 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, out-lawing the stuff (intoxicating liquor) in the church and community and enthroning Temperance and Christianity in its stead. Any preacher wilfully and knowingly refusing to preach on Temperance may be censured by this Association.

Be it further Resolved, That we, as a Church, congratulate the County Courts of Dickson and Cheatham Counties, and that we endorse the action they have taken in passing orders giving the officers one-half of all the fines levied on persons violating any of the liquor laws and paying said officers for catching any stills or parts of stills.

G. T. HARRIS.

J. J. FELTS.

J. J. GOWER.

(Number Seven)

East Nashville

From the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Workers, to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when convened with Oak Lawn Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., October 22, 23, 24, 1924.

We beg to state that we have chosen as our representative Mrs. H. V. Slack, and feeling that the Association is interested in the progress which this organization has made during the past year, the following report is given of its activities:

Funds raised during the year amount to.....	\$825 93
We have paid out a total of.....	652 70
(of which \$525.63 completed payment for our church lot)	

Balance in treasury at this time.....	\$173 23
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This organization, having as its object the building of a Free Will Baptist Church in East Nashville, rented a hall and began services September 7th of this year, with Bro. Wm. Henry Oliver acting as pastor. A Sunday School was organized with eighteen members and an average attendance of forty-five at preaching services. Much interest is being manifested in this work, and it is the plan to organize a church at an early date.

We earnestly solicit the prayers and the co-operation of all the Christian people, and will appreciate any suggestions

or assistance from your body toward the development of our spiritual and material resources.

MRS. W. D. RAY, Rec. Sec'y.

(Number Eight)

Report of Committee on Fifth Sunday Union Services

We, your committee, recommend that our churches be divided into districts as follows:

Western Division—Brandon's Chapel, Dunbar's Chapel, Emanuels Chapel, Hurricane Chapel, Indian Mound, Midway, Pleasant Hill, Scott's Chapel, Smith's Grove, Stony Point, Union Hill.

Middle Division—Bethel, Bethlehem, Good Spring, Heads, Maple Valley, Miller's Chapel, Oak Grove, Oak Lawn, Oakwood, Olivet, Rock Spring, Shady Grove.

Eastern Division—Cofer's Chapel, Craigfield, Greenwood, Marrowbone, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oakland, Royal's Chapel, Spring Hill, West Nashville.

We also recommend that these districts hold their first union meetings on the fifth Saturday and Sunday in November, 1924, and that the Clerk notify the clerks of the various churches at once in regard to this, and suggest places for the meetings.

G. T. HARRIS, Chairman.

J. H. OLIVER.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

(Number Nine)

Report of Committee to Arrange for Christian Workers' Conference (Institute)

We, your Committee on Christian Workers' Conference report as follows:

We recommend that the first session begin on Monday, March 9, 1925, at Ashland City, Tenn., and continue for five days.

We further recommend that the Committee be given more time to arrange a suitable program, and to secure teachers and lecturers for the Conference.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

ALICE GOWER.

JOHNNY MATTHEWS.

J. L. WELCH.

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(Number Ten)

Report of the Treasurer

ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS

To balance from last report.....	\$ 18 13
To interest on deposit.....	32
Total.....	\$ 18 43

DISBURSEMENTS

By dues to National Conference.....	10 00
Balance.....	\$ 8 45

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Oct. 23, 1924, to balance from last report.....	\$ 61 37
To amount from Bethel.....	6 00
To amount from Shady Grove.....	1 70
To amount from Oak Lawn.....	2 00
To amount from Rock Spring.....	1 25
To amount from Good Spring.....	60
To amount from Heads.....	4 55
To amount from New Hope.....	2 00
To amount from interest on deposit.....	2 45
Total.....	\$ 81 92

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

To balance from last report.....	\$ 431 74
To amount from Betylehem.....	9 50
To amount from Bethel.....	25 50
To amount from Shady Grove.....	3 50
To amount from Oak Grove.....	9 00
To amount from Cofer's Chapel.....	38 80
To amount from Oak Lawn.....	2 00
To amount from Rock Spring.....	1 25
To amount from Good Spring.....	60
To amount from Heads.....	4 55
To amount from Clerk.....	3 36
To amount from New Hope.....	12 85
To amount from interest on deposit.....	4 63
Total.....	\$ 547 26

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DISBURSEMENTS

On printing minutes.....	\$ 17 90
Expenses of delegates to General Conference.....	50 00
Loan to West Nashville Church.....	277 37
Total.....	\$ 345 27
Balance.....	\$ 201 99

EDUCATIONAL ORPHANAGE FUNDS

Oct. 24, 1924, to balance from last report.....	\$ 1,219 18
To amount received during year.....	980 08
To interest on deposit.....	20 60
Total.....	\$ 2,219 86

DISBURSEMENTS

To Wm. Henry Oliver for School.....	\$485 00
To Oscar Davis for School.....	135 00
To Mrs. J. E. Hudgens for Orphanage.....	741 50
To expenses for the Campaign.....	218 83
To expense for stamps.....	5 00
To error in last report.....	10 00
	1,595 33
Balance.....	\$ 624 53

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

(Number Eleven)

Report of Committee on 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, is 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 \$38.61 collected for minutes of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WALKER.

G. S. READ.

MILES GOWER.

(Number Twelve)

Report of Committee on Obituaries

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following: Since God has been pleased not to take from among us any of our ministers we are very thankful for it. Since God has so decreed that some of our laymen have been called from our lists, we extend to their friends our heartfelt sympathy and point them to One who does all things well.

W. S. SIMPSON.

G. S. READ.

D. W. SENSING.

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.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association. Rev. D. T. Armstrong was elected Moderator and Rev. J. H. Oliver Clerk. The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows: After examining the applications for ordination of Bros. John W. Boyte, Wm. Henry Oliver, and James Bagwell, we beg leave to recommend that Bros. John W. Boyte and Wm. Henry Oliver be ordained to the full work of the ministry, and that Bro. Bagwell be required to study and prepare himself more fully for his work.

The Presbytery then proceeded to ordain Bros. Boyte and Oliver by prayer and laying on of hands, after which there was a season of great rejoicing.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to write our inactive ministers notifying them that if they do not appear at the next Annual Presbytery, or write us, their names will be dropped from our ministerial list.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to write credentials for Rev. J. W. Clouse whose credentials had, in some way, been misplaced or lost.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG, Moderator.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Armstrong, D. T.—R. 1, Thomnsville, Tenn.

Ayers, W.—R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.

Boyte, John W.—Nashville, Tenn., 1500 Arthur Ave.

Brake, J.—Cumberland City, Tenn.

Brown, W. A.—McClean Station, R. 7, Nashville, Tenn.

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

Carrol, 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.

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. 2, 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.—Clarksville, Tenn.
 Oliver, Wm. Henry—318 Woodland Street, Nashville, 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.
 Davis, Oscar—Nashville, Tenn.
 Hembree, F. A.—R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
 Polston, G. W.—Nashville, Tenn. 239 Woodlawn St.
 Simpkins, F. M.—Ashland City, Tenn.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Antioch—Not Represented.
 Bethel—J. E. Simpson.
 Bethlehem—Tom Bobbit.
 Brandon's Chapel—Freeman Robertson.
 Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs.
 Craigfield—Not Represented.
 Cross Roads—Not Represented.
 Dunbar's Chapel—Wm. Henry Oliver.
 Emanuel's Chapel—L. F. Bateman.
 Good Spring—Morgan Hill.
 Greenwood—Not Represented.
 Heads—Miles Gower.

Marrowbone—W. E. Davis.
 Midway—J. B. Burns.
 Miller's Chapel—W. S. Simpson.
 Mt. Pleasant—F. B. Cagle.
 Mt. Zion—G. S. Read.
 New Hope—Johnny Matthews.
 Oak Grove—D. W. Sensing.
 Oaklawn—Bailey Walker.
 Oakland—Wm. Briggs.
 Oakwood—W. T. Gower.
 Olivet—J. B. Nichols.
 Pleasant Hill—Not Represented.
 Rock Spring—W. C. Jones.
 Royal Chapel—Not Represented.
 Scott's Chapel—Sid Clements.
 Shady Grove—Ewing Fort.
 Shaw's Chapel—Not Represented.
 Smith's Grove—Not Represented.
 Spring Hill—Not Represented.
 Stony Point—James Baker.
 Union Hill—Not Represented.
 West Nashville—Ed Powell.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

J. W. AYERS

Owing to my physical condition I have had no regular work. I have, however, had several appointments. Visited several homes, had prayer with them. Visited several Sunday Schools; have received as donations or gifts \$45.00. Asking the prayers of the Cumberland Association, I am,

Respectfully,

J. W. AYERS.

A. D. DUNCAN

I have had no regular work. I have preached a few times at different places. My health has been bad so I can not take care of churches. I ask that you pray for me.

A. D. DUNCAN.

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge

Names of churches: Rock Springs, Heads, Bethel,
New Hope.

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Sermons preached	90
Conversions witnessed	110
Received into church	83
Baptized	61
Funerals conducted	9
Marriages solemnized	4
Homes visited	189
Miles traveled	2,400
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches:	
New Hope	\$ 150 00
Bethel	151 20
Rock Spring	115 85
Heads	124 50
Received from other sources	76 36
Total received	\$ 617 91

Condition of work spiritually and financially good, but I'm trusting for better things yet to come. So when you have prayed for yourself, remember me.

W. B. DAVENPORT, R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.

J. R. ELLIOTT

I have not been doing any ministerial work worth reporting for the past two or three years' The reason is because of the ill health of my wife, but I have my plans made to do more work in the future than I have been doing. I am expecting to preach at Smith's Grove for the coming year. Respectfully,
J. R. ELLIOTT, R. 2, Hickory Point, Tenn.

L. B. H. GREEN

I have no churches in charge. My work has been mission work.

Sermons preached	40
Conversions witnessed	31
Baptized	14
Miles traveled	1,000
Received into the church	14
Received for services	\$ 61 55

This is my report from June 1 to Oct. 18. I was not able to do anything through the winter and spring. I hope to do more next year, the Lord being my helper. L. B. H. GREEN.

MINUTES OF THE WM. HENRY OLIVER

Report for year ending Oct. 21, 1924.

Sermons preached.....	125
Conversions witnessed.....	140
Prayer meetings conducted.....	15
Revivals assisted in.....	10
Totals received.....	\$ 197 67

WM. HENRY OLIVER, 318 Woodland St., Nashville.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge, 1; namely, West Nashville.	
Sermons preached.....	100
Conversions witnessed.....	21
Prayer meetings conducted.....	70
Received into church.....	18
Baptized.....	4
Funerals conducted.....	5
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Homes visited.....	100
Miles traveled.....	500
Revivals held in above church.....	3
Received from above church for services.....	\$ 50 00
Received from other sources.....	300 00
Total received.....	\$ 350 00

G. M. PRUITT, R. 12, Box 24, Robertson Ave., W. Nashville.

J. L. WELCH

Report for year ending Nov. 1, 1924.

Church in charge, 1; viz: Cofer's Chapel.	
Sermons preached.....	191
Conversions witnessed.....	53
Prayer meetings conducted.....	20
Received into church.....	18
Baptized.....	16
Funerals conducted.....	10
Marriages solemnized.....	6
Homes visited.....	30
Miles traveled.....	5,000
Revivals assisted in.....	7
Revivals held in above churches.....	1
Received from above church for services.....	\$ 1,250 00
Received from other sources.....	806 10
Total received.....	\$ 2,056 10

Condition of work spiritually and financially good.

J. L. WELCH, 1610 Arthur Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OAKLAWN

Be it Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Oaklawn Church for their unbounded hospitality to this Associational body during its present sitting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament are words of Divine Inspiration, given to Abraham's children, and that the New Testament contains the only proper rules for faith of the Christian churches.

ART. 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without a Divine Mediator.

ART. 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures, suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made full atonement for every human being; and by His obedient life, satisfactory death, triumphant resurrection and glorious ascension, ever advocating at His Father's throne, hath bought an everlasting salvation for every sinner that will repent, believe, and obey His word.

ART. 5. We believe that the faithful Christian will never fall from Grace; notwithstanding we believe in the free moral agency of man after justification, and that there is possible danger of falling into sin and being finally lost.

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

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

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

ART. 9. We believe, according to the Scriptures, 1st Cor. 10:16, that each individual, having been indused into the

Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost, and having faith to exercise the free dictation of his own conscience, is in communion with saints.

ART. 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, in a passive state and thereby adopting them heirs of His Kingdom.

GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

3. 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 may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator, and the person addressing shall arise to his feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES (All in Tenn.)	Rec'd by Experience	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Recommend'n	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	Paid for Minutes
Antioch		Neptune	13					2	220	2	2,000 00	151 20	40 20	3 00
Bethel	R. M. Fambrough	Ashland City	27					2	231	1	1,200 00	128 85	36 20	3 00
Bethlehem	C. F. Read	Bumpus Mill						1	160	3	1,000 00	50 00		3 00
Brandon's Chapel	W. P. Lurton	Nashville, Jacksonian Dpt.	16	1	6	1	4	1	313	Each	4,500 00	120 00		5 00
Cofer's Chapel	Miss Ethel Leigh													
Craigfield														
Cross Roads														
Dunbar's Chapel	M. R. Richardson	Cumberland City	3	2	3			1	32	3	2,000 00	19 40	27 74	2 00
Emanuel's Chapel	M. E. Bateman	Cumberland Furnace	12					2	53	2	500 00	10 00	2 96	2 75
Greenwood														
Good Spring	Thomas Coffey	Pleasant View		1		2	2	3	38	2	1,500 00	35 00		1 25
Heads	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill	6						231	3	2,500 00	124 50	26 75	3 00
Hurricane Chapel														
Indian Mound														
Maple Valley														
Marrowbone	Mrs. Lizzie Davis	Ashland City	1					2	23	4	500 00			1 17
Midway	Mrs. Rosa Weaver	Erin, Route 3, Box 80	12						44	3		57 00		1 25
Miller's Chapel	W. S. Simpson	Chapmansboro	11						19	3	500 00	9 50	20 00	1 00
Mt. Hermon														
Mt. Pleasant														
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Bertha Harris	Ashland City	22	1				1	88	1	2,000 00	153 50		2 10
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton	22	1				1	210	4	2,500 00	150 00	28 00	2 00
Oak Grove	F. W. Wicks	Charlotte, Route 1	5			1		1	41	2	800 00	15 37	27 63	1 20
Oakland	J. A. Ingram	Joelton				3		3	37	4	2,500 00	140 50	25 05	2 15
Oaklawn	C. G. Binkley	Thomasville				5		1	289	4	2,500 00	140 50	25 05	3 60
Oakwood	W. W. Clinard	Cedar Hill, Route 5	30			3		1	30	1	1,500 00	17 50		1 00
Olivet	James B. Reding	Port Royal							63	2	1,000 00	70 00		
Pleasant Hill														
Rock Spring	W. N. Maberry	Neptune	21	2				1	196	1	2,500 00	113 85	32 86	3 06
Royal Chapel														
Scott's Chapel	Mrs. Mary Bullard	Cumberland City	1	1				3	62	1	1,000 00	65 00	7 50	2 00
Shady Grove														1 00
Shaw's Chapel														
Smith's Grove														
Spring Hill														
Stony Point														
Tenon Hill														1 50
West Nashville	Sarah Hand	Nashville, R. 12, Box 24	12	3					50		1,500 00			1 25

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

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

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

We have chosen our representatives to-wit: -----

Our statistics are as follows:

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

We have paid our pastor \$ -----; we have
called -----
to pastor us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Super-
intendents 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.....;

marrisges 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.

